

Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting July 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 3:30pm at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Eleanor Frasier – Present
Ramon Magee – Present
Taylor Beller - Present
Pam Vaughan – Present
Jeff Carpenter – Absent
Kathy Cornelius- Present
Robert Buzan- Absent

City Council Liaison: Jerry Kaylor
Parks Dept. Staff: Justin Stuart
Community Member: Barbara Landes

A motion was made by Ramon and seconded by Pam to accept the Minutes of the June meeting as presented; it passed unanimously.

Financial Report. The financial report was available for review. There were no questions

“Regenerate” Thirteenth Public Art Temporary Exhibit

--A review of the Dedication Event for “Regenerate” indicated a positive response for the event: PAC had an enjoyable evening as the rain had stopped by the time of the event. PAC appreciated the tables setup for the program. It was agreed that the refreshments were in keeping with the theme and enjoyed the fresh produce, fruit and meat products. PAC members were pleased that Jake Balcom was present to give an artist response and that the other three artists send interesting responses. It was a nice turnout of patrons and friends of public art. The only concern was that the microphone was not working and it was difficult for the speakers to be heard. It was unfortunate the mic batteries were depleted. Jerry indicated that if he had known the problem, he had batteries available. All in all, it was a nice event at Colonial Gardens and PAC appreciated their hospitality to host the exhibit and the dedication.

--Eleanor indicated the needed signage at each of the artworks to show artist name and title of work. Justin will arrange.

Planning the 14th Temporary Public Art Exhibit

--Eleanor presented information about the general process for planning the art exhibit. PAC discussed that the theme and the location to place art should be carefully considered so that artists will apply for the event. Discussion was that PAC would like the exhibit to be along Adams Dairy Parkway, south of the High School and residential homes. Placement of art on each side of Moreland School Road was one suggestion. Eleanor encouraged everyone to drive the area and see if this area seems satisfactory.

--For theme discussion, Ramon provided a listing of possible theme ideas which were briefly discussed. Eleanor felt that PAC might consider a theme that encourages artworks that are appealing to families and children. She suggested PAC encourage art that is lower to the ground or more eye level than have had in past exhibits. This type of art could include benches, habitat related art, or environmental forms. This could encourage more interaction with the art. Barbara suggested that the theme of “Curiosity” was appealing to her. Eleanor asked that everyone think about the theme and location ideas and that these decisions would be made at the August meeting.

--PAC discussed the timeline to put out the Call and the deadlines would likely be needed in order to secure artists, create contracts, and display the art during the last week of March, 2023. Eleanor will bring a sample Call that would provide some of this information and so that decisions on timeline could be discussed at the meeting.

“20 Years of Public Art in Blue Springs” Book

--Eleanor explained that this process was underway. Pamela, Kathy and Eleanor will be meeting on Monday, July 25 to start the planning for mailing to artists, former PAC members, and others. Justin has arranged for mailing envelopes so that books can be placed in the envelopes, ready for labels to be attached. Taylor could not help with project on July 25 but will be available to assist at a later time.

Information, Status, Updates

--Ramon presented plans for visiting artworks that are most in need of maintenance and recording what is needed to clean and repair them. Ramon has asked Roscoe and Larry to assist in determining this information. At some point, we will need to address the cost of maintenance and who will be providing it.

--Justin reported that "The Visit" was not well received by St. Mary's Health Center staff that he and Eleanor met with. Discussion was that we expect to continue this discussion with others who are more likely to make the decision of whether the art will be accepted and where it will be placed. Barbara stated that she had spoken to Dr. Liston and he had indicated a desire to have the art.

--Justin reported that we have acquired a new light for the mosaic mural "Art of the State" which is especially designed for lighting artworks. This light was suggested by Larry Randall. Parks staff will install in the near future.

Visitors/Public Comment:

-None

Other Business-

-None

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Ramon and seconded by Pam. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm

Eleanor Frasier, Chairman