

Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting July 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 3:30pm at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Eleanor Frasier – Present
Ramon Magee – Present
Susan Rew- Absent
Taylor Beller - Present
Pam Vaughan – Absent
Jeff Carpenter – Present
Barbara Landes- Present

City Council Liaison: Susan Culpepper
Parks Dept. Staff: Justin Stuart
City Staff: Matt Wright, Adair Bright
Visitors: Pam Buck, Downtown Alive

A motion was made by Ramon and seconded by Barbara to accept the Minutes of the June 9 meeting; it passed unanimously.

Financial Report. The financial report was provided for review.

Proposed Public Art Murals by Downtown Alive

- Matt Wright, Community Development, presented a proposal from Downtown Alive! to place four murals designed by BSSD art students on the north side of the business at 11th Street, across from Public Service Building
- Discussion was that PAC felt the murals should be located at a level that is above the normal height of a car roof so they can be seen readily and that a small plaque be provided that explains the murals
- Ramon motioned and Barbara seconded to recommend approval of the mural proposal; it passed unanimously

“Cultivate”

- Discussion was that PAC has not yet received sufficient donations to arrange for the Dedication. The process is that PAC arrange for funds so that donors names can be placed on the plaque.
- Originally planned to dedicate the artwork in the summer but with the change in leadership at BSSD, a Fall date that allows more teacher-student involvement was considered a better time.

13th Temporary Public Art Exhibit at Colonial Gardens

- The sites were reviewed for art placement. Discussion was that the artworks would be lighted and that a sidewalk is being installed along the road leading to Colonial Gardens so that visitors can walk safely to see the art
- A meeting with Colonial Gardens representatives is planned to get their final input into the Call to Artist

“20 + 1 Public Art in Blue Springs” book

- Discussion was an update on the on-going work to complete the book as scheduled and what decisions need to be made by PAC at this time
- The book cover was discussed. Three book cover samples were reviewed. After discussion, Jeff made a motion and Barbara seconded to move forward with the one with “BlueSprings.Net” Motion passed unanimously.
- The decision about map placement will be determined at the next PAC meeting. Ramon, Eleanor and Justin will meet with the City’s map person to determine best process for identifying where permanent art is located.

Bicentennial Project on “Celebrating Missouri Through Mosaic Art”

- Larry will complete placing the design on the framed board and deliver it to Rebecca at Creative Art Glass Studio.
- Plans are underway to arrange for scheduling the representatives from the three organizations to have a training class on mosaic art and then to arrange for individual work schedules
- As soon as we know a likely date for completion, we will start plans for a Dedication.

Update/Information

- PAC needs to arrange for a plaque for “Wheels” and to arrange for a Dedication with Blue Springs Art League (sole donor) and Historical Society. Under consideration is an Ice Cream/Cake social in late Fall.
- The three plaques for Veterans Way Memorial are ready to install as soon as Parks can schedule. The intent is to have them in place by Veterans Day.
- Justin reported that the new Parks Superintendent is Derek Mayden

Visitors/Public Comment:

-None

Other Business- None

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff and seconded by Ramon. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm

Eleanor Frasier, Chairman