

Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting August 10, 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 - Absent
Pam Vaughan – Present
Jeff Carpenter – Present
Kathy Cornelius- Present
Robert Buzan- Absent

City Council Liaison: Jerry Kaylor
Parks Dept. Staff: Justin Stuart

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

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

14th Temporary Public Art Exhibit

-Eleanor provided a sample Call to Artist for this exhibit. Previous discussion was that the art would be placed along Adams Dairy Parkway near the intersection with Moreland School Road. Other items in the proposed Call were discussed. In order to do a Call, PAC would need to decide a theme, arrange with CAFÉ, and have photos taken of the sites. Eleanor stated that at a previous meeting, Barbara had suggested the theme of “Curiosity” for this exhibit and Eleanor reported descriptors related to that term if it was selected. Eleanor then asked that “Curiosity” be considered as the theme. Jeff suggested “Kindness” as a theme and Pam suggested “Family”. Vote was taken and “Kindness” received three votes and “Curiosity” two votes and “Family” 0 votes. Eleanor felt PAC should ask Taylor for her recommendation before proceeding with the decision.

Information, Status, Updates

-Downtown Alive Project: Cats on Main.

Eleanor provided information about the proposed project to create 8 cats in a similar fashion to the “Hearts’ and “Cows” art projects across Kansas City. Artists would be selected to decorate the 8 cats that relate to the mascots of Blue Springs and Blue Springs South High Schools. The plan is under study and they have asked PAC to provide two representatives to the committee. Eleanor asked Ramon Magee and Kathy Cornelius to be PAC representatives.

-“20 Years in Public Art in Blue Springs” book.

Eleanor has been researching names and addresses of artists. The plan is to have labels created and placed on mailing envelopes. Pamela and Taylor will meet with Eleanor on August 24 for this project. After this mailing, additional labels will be created and books mailed to selection panelists and donors. Discussion was whether to give an artist more than one book if they displayed several artworks (such as Jake Balcolm, Cecilia Lueza, and others). The consensus was that only one book was needed.

-Status of “The Visit”.

Justin, Eleanor and Barbara Landes met with St. Mary’s CEO, Kelly Pearce, to discuss placement of “The Visit” in St. Mary’s Chapel. There was sincere interest in finding the right spot for placement and discussion of the procedures needed to do so. If confirmation of the site is approved, they plan to proceed with placing “The Visit” in the Chapel. PAC wants to recognize Barbara Landes and Dr. Liston for supporting this project and making it possible.

-Status of “Art of the State”.

Since the light is in place over the artwork. Eleanor will proceed with plans for re-dedication of the art by asking the Design Team to meet to take photos of the art in its permanent location and to receive thanks for their work on behalf of the City of Blue Springs and the Missouri Bicentennial.

-Art Maintenance Planning.

Ramon gave a report on the art that he, Roscoe and Larry have identified several artworks for maintenance and the nature of care required. Ramon reported that some art , “Subdued Radiance”, needed washing and waxing,

while more extensive work was required for “Quasarc”, “Jet Stream”, and ”The Skateboarder”. Discussion was PAC will need some professional assistance in determining the method of repair and the cost. Additional study is needed for other artworks in our collection
-“Regenerate” signs. Justin reported that he is arranging for signs about the artworks be created and placed so that the viewer knows the artist and artwork information.

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