

## Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting September 14, 2022

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, September 14, 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 – Absent  
Jeff Carpenter – Present  
Kathy Cornelius- Present  
Robert Buzan- Absent

Parks Dept. Staff: Justin Stuart

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

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

### **PAC Plans for 2023**

-Budget. Justin reported that the PAC budget for the next fiscal year is the same as has been allocated in the past.

-Maintenance of Art. Eleanor stated that after the August Meeting and discussion of the need for art maintenance and the state of several Chimney Swift Towers which are in disrepair, she felt it more responsible to fix the problems than to provide another temporary art exhibit. Ramon reported on some of the efforts to identify maintenance needs and plans to determine which kind of maintenance is required

-Chimney Swift Towers: Eleanor reviewed how the towers came about and the role of Parks in designing and creating the towers. PAC arranged for artists to enhance the towers so that these are the only art-enhanced Chimney Swift Towers. Since the towers are unique to Blue Springs and have been a part of the collection, PAC should update those of need of new enhancements, after finalizing the maintenance needs of other art.

-Plaque Plans: Eleanor noted that several plaques need to be replaced and some of the plaques are from the temporary art display and have not been updated to permanent status. Discussion was that PAC should bring plaques up to date.

-Following the report, Eleanor asked that PAC dedicate the budget to restoration and maintenance of art and related projects. The motion to use FY 2022/23 funds for art maintenance and related projects was made by Ramon and seconded by Kathy. The motion passed unanimously.

### **“Regenerate” 13th Temporary Public Art Exhibit.**

Justin reported that he had information from Amie Jacobsen that she had an inquiry about purchase of “New Growth” and wondered if PAC or Colonial Gardens were planning to purchase. Ramon volunteered to check this with Colonial Gardens. PAC will discuss this issue at the October meeting.

### **Cats on Main Project :**

Ramon and Kathy are representative of PAC on this project. Ramon reported the progress and issues that are related to the planning of the Call to Artist, funding plans, and possible locations. It is expected that the “Cats” will be displayed throughout the summer and auctioned in the Fall. No informational decisions to date on that issue.

### **Information, Status, Updates**

-“The Visit”- Eleanor gave credit to Barbara Landes for arranging with Dr. Liston and CEO Kelley Pearce at St. Marys Health Center for accepting and arranging for the display of “The Visit” in the Chapel. The artwork was originally displayed in the hospital lobby at the 2009 “Serendipity” Exhibit so It has returned home after traveling to St. Mary’s Manor for an extended period. Everyone was encouraged to see how the artwork looks in its new location.

-“Art of the State”- A ReDedication of the artwork is planned for Monday, September 26 at 3:00. The artist team and others responsible for creating the mosaic will receive a gift from the City for their volunteer work for the

Bicentennial project. Kathy will bring cookies to help celebrate and a new plaque will be available to identify those who created the art. The new light is in place and a new floral arrangement has been donated to provide better ambiance to the fireplace area. The valuation of the artwork will be revealed.

-Veterans Way Memorial- Eleanor reported that flags were placed to honor Patriots Day (remembrance for September 11). The next and last placement is for Veterans Day on November 11.

**Visitors/Public Comment:**

-None

**Other Business-**

-None

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

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Eleanor Frasier, Chairman