

Public Art Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 4, 2016
3:30PM

*******City Managers Conference Room*******
410 E. Washington

AGENDA

Call to order

Introduction of Juli Seydell-Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director

Election of Officers

Public discussion of any item not on the agenda

Consideration of the minutes of the July 16, 2015 meeting

Public Art Matching Funds - Review submissions –
applicants will be available.

Poetry in Public – PAAC representative

Updates

Other?

Adjournment

MINUTES
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, July 16, 2015
LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL

PRELIMINARY

Members present: Brent Westphal, Hemann Sayuri Sasaki Hemann, Moran Mike, Ron Knoche, John Engelbrecht, Bill Nusser

Not present: Tam Bryk

Staff Present: Marcia Bollinger

Public Present: Wendy Brown, Mitchell Schmidt- CR Gazette

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL: (to become effective only after Council action)

None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment of items not on the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2015 MEETING

MOTION: Sayuri moved to approve the June 4, 2015 meeting minutes. Engelbrecht seconded. Motion passed 6:0.

COLLEGE GREEN PARK-STAIRSTEPS ART PROJECT

Bollinger presented each of the 5 proposals submitted for the StairSteps project. The committee members responded to each proposal with questions/concern/etc. Bollinger had contacted two of the artists and asked for additional information which she shared with the committee. After considerable discussion, the proposal provided by Aurora Green was chosen as the artist that best reflected the interest of the committee to have the artwork reflect that existing park features through her fluid, fabric-like drape - floating down the steps.

SPORTS COLUMN MURAL PROJECT

Bollinger explained that Sports Column had received a Façade Improvement Grant funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program and was in the process of making improvements to the exterior of their business. The grant is a matching fund program with grants up to \$50,000. One of the projects they wished to complete as part of that grant is a mural that will be placed on the south side of the Sport Column building adjoining the alley. Because there are public funds involved in this mural, the Public Art Advisory Committee was

asked to review the proposal for suitability and quality. Bollinger presented a number of images that were provided by Swen Larson – owner of Sports Column. The image that is proposed to be reproduced would be Tim Dwight running down the football field in an Iowa uniform. This image would be recreated by Air Efex Custom Paint who is proposing to airbrush the artwork onto a 10' x 14' metal sheet which would then be attached to the south wall of the Sports Column building adjacent to the alley. The committee felt that the subject matter was appropriate for the location and the artist who would create it had the skill level to produce quality work.

MATCHING FUND PROGRAM

The committee reviewed for a final time the Matching Fund Program that would be available for private or public entities to apply for on a quarterly basis. The committee fine-tuned a number of components of the application including who is eligible, maximum grant amount, frequency of ability of artists to participate, and schedule for accepting applications.

POST OFFICE MURAL

Bollinger explained that she was asked to pursue options to relocate the mural that was recently removed from the old Post Office building on Dubuque Street. The mural is a perspective of Iowa City decades ago featuring the downtown and campus areas.. Bollinger stated that she was going to contact the city facility people and the University of Iowa to further discuss about the relocation. Nusser suggested he would talk with Carrie Norton who is storing the mural but he understood that City High School might temporarily exhibit it in their foyer.

UPDATES

Engelbrecht stated that joint application by the City and Summer of the Arts for the NEA Our Town Grant that was submitted earlier this year did not get funded but the committee will be pursuing a revised grant application in the next month or so. Bollinger said that Kidztent collected about \$200 this year. Bollinger also explained that she worked with John Coyne, the artist who created the Wetherby neighborhood art project to complete some needed maintenance on the globe reliefs and the park sign. The fee for the work was \$400.00 and the work was recently completed.

OTHER

No other news.

ADJOURNMENT

Hemann motioned and Westphal seconded a motion to adjourn at 5:15 PM.

Minutes created by Marcia Bollinger.

**Public Art Advisory Committee
Attendance Record
2014 - 2015**

Name	Term Expires	7/17	11/6	12/4	2/5	3/5	5/8	6/4	7/16
Bodkin Bryk, Tam	01/01/16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O/E
Engelbrecht, John	01/01/15	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X
Westphal, Brent	01/01/17	X	O/E	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nusser, Bill	01/01/17	O	X	O/E	O/E	O/E	O	O	X
Hemann, Sayuri Sasaki	01/01/16	---	---	---	X	X	X	X	X
Knoche, Ron		---	---	---	X	X	X	X	X
Moran, Mike		X	X	X	X	O/E	X	X	X

Key:

- X = Present
- O = Absent
- O/E = Absent/Excused
- = Not a member