

Following notice and publication, a regular called meeting of the *Public Art Commission* took place on Wednesday, December 19, 2104, at 10:00 a.m. at Kenneth McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Commissioners present were Mr. Alejandro Castanon, Ms. Lori Francks, Ms. Cynthia Lackey, Mr. Quang Le, Ms. Julie Raymond, Ms. Susan Williams and Ms. Teri Covert..

Staff present was Mr. Carl White, Mr. Michael Dennis and minutes were recorded by Ms. Ida Rios

Guest present was Mr. Anthony Samaripa, Production Manager for Art in Uncommon Places and Luis "Inx" Davila co-owner of Deadicated Tattoo Co.

I. OPEN SESSION (10:04) P.M.

A. Call to Order

Mr. Castanon called the meeting to order and called for public comment.

B. Public Comment:

None.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of approving the October 8, 2014 meeting Minutes.

Ms. Francks made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Ms. Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

III. REGULAR AGENDA/PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

2. Discussion of adding graffiti art to the skate bowl at Kirby Park and consideration of approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White presented an introduction and background information on this item. If the Commissioners are interested in adding graffiti art to the skate bowl, this item can be added to the next agenda and Mr. Luis "Inx" Davila can provide additional information. The Commissioners discussed the location of the art, maintenance, touch up and cost. Ms. Raymond stated that they would get a sponsor for the paint. The art work would be done at no charge. The Commissioners also discussed the durability of the paint and touch up. Mr. Davila stated that he would be willing to return to touch up the paint at no charge to the City. Mr. Dennis stated that in talking to some of the people at the skate park, they are excited about the art work. The Commissioners asked for this item to be added to the next agenda with drawings, cost and a time frame for the art work to be completed.

3. Consideration of shifting the location of the fire truck art, previously approved, from one place to another at Firefighters' Memorial City Park and approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White presented an introduction and background information on the location previously approved. There are some concerns about irrigation and overspray on the art work that will cause oxidation and rusting. Staff recommends moving the location to the west side of the park where it will not be affected by irrigation. The artists are in agreement. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the new location for the fire truck art. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lackey and passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of relocating the "Rebirth of an Old Friend" buffalo wallow and sculpture, previously removed from El Paseo de Santa Angela and approved for relocation to a nearby property along South Oakes St. to Sunken Garden Park (home of the Sculpture garden) and approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White presented background information on this item. The area originally approved for this sculpture is not all city property. The recommendation is moving the sculpture to the Sunken Garden. The Commission discussed the location and set up of the sculpture. Ms. Raymond made a motion to move the location of the buffalo wallow and sculpture to the artist's first choice of location at the Sunken Garden Park with the approval of neighboring homeowners. Ms. Francks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Should there be some expressed concern from the neighbors, staff will return to the Commission for a report and discussion.

5. Consideration of the placement of new art to be incorporated with the Red Arroyo Trail Project (4 mile trail along the Red Arroyo from Knickerbocker to Sherwood Way) and approving matters related thereto.

Art in Uncommon Places is applying for a grant for the proposed art work, sculptures and trailheads for this project. The first request for approval is for solar charged glow stones that will be hand cast into the trail. There is no lighting on the trail (except for parking areas) and the request is for a half mile of glow stones which will cost approximately \$30,000. The stones are solar charged and last approximately 10-12 hours with a life span of approximately 20 years. Ms. Lackey made a motion to approve installation of glow stones in two of the proposed three locations. Ms. Covert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The second request is for the approval of conceptual art, including colorful metal cut-outs on exterior of bridge railings, stone figures, birdcages with mosaic benches and concrete art depicting native flora and fauna for trailheads and dog sculptures made of metal at dog waste receptacles. Commissioners discussed location of artwork along the trail and trail heads and making bird cages wheelchair accessible. Commissioners also discussed grant deadlines and getting approval from City Council. At this point we are asking for conceptual approval and will bring back details at a later meeting.

5. Discussion of establishing criteria for a "People of San Angelo" memorial sculpture program and approving matters related thereto.

Attached as a part of the permanent record are a list of possible criteria for "People of San Angelo" memorial sculpture program. The Commissioners discussed the proposed criteria. Ms. Raymond stated that "a realistic representation" of the person is visual and may not fit with a "spiritual representation" of a person and should not be a criteria. The Commissioners also discussed maintenance of sculptures and whether the impact of the person on the local community should be stated as a criteria and approving sculptures on a case by case basis and not having a specific program.

6. Discussion of possibilities for art to be incorporated with the City Hall landscape (72 W. College, specifically, the southwest corner) and approving matters related thereto.

Mr. White introduced this item. A sculpture well is located at the southwest corner of City Hall. It is roughly a 10'x10' space. There is no funding for artwork on this project but would like the Commission to consider what kind of art they would like to see at this location. The Commissioners discussed a representation of performing arts since it is outside the Auditorium, or a fountain. The Commissioners also discussed getting the public involved through the Public Information office and see if perhaps someone would be interested in funding a piece for this location. This piece would also need to be approved by City Council.

7. Hear and discuss reports from the sub-committee of the Public art Commission regarding art inventory, recommendations for the placement of future art and promotion Consideration of Future agenda items.

The committee has met twice to discuss and recommend future placement of art and locations available. They discussed core areas, downtown and along the river, as well as outlying areas. Some ideas discussed by the committee were a Public Art album or web-page with interactive map and Public Information doing "stories of art". Mr. Edward Cuenca and his ASU class is going to update the artwork booklet, "Appreciating Artistic San Angelo". Also discussed was the creation of an "app" for smartphones and tablets that can track artwork that would include a description of the art, the artist and a video. Cost of such an "app" is reasonable and sponsorship for the GPS at each piece could also be an option. The committee will meet one more time.

8. Consideration of approving photographic images from the SNAPS competition in the City Council Chambers from January 15 to April 15 and approving matters related thereto.

Attached as part of the permanent record are copies of the photographs submitted for the SNAPS competition. Ms. Raymond made a motion to approve the display of the photographic images from the SNAPS competition in the City Council Chambers from January 15 to April 15. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion of Commission regular meetings and approval of matters related thereto.

Commissioners discussed and agreed to the regularly scheduled meetings as presented with the option to call meetings as needed.

10. Consideration of future agenda items.

Next meeting will discuss graffiti art at Kirby Skate Park, art work for the Red Arroyo Trail, criteria for public sculptures and the placement of the Buffalo sculptures if there are any objections from the neighborhood at the Sunken Garden.

IV. ADJOURNMENT (11:40)

Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Lackey.

Approved: _____

Date: 19 Feb 2015