

Following notice and publication, a regular called meeting of the *Public Art Commission* took place on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at Kenneth McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Dr., San Angelo, Texas.

Commissioners Present at the meeting were Mr. Daniel Makins, Mr. Quang Le, Ms. Sue Rainey, Ms. Susan Williams, Ms. Lori Francks and Mr. Alejandro Castanon.

Staff present were Mr. Carl White and Mrs. Ida Rios.

**I. OPEN SESSION (4:00) P.M.**

**A. Call to Order**

Mr. Makins called the meeting to order at 4:01 and called for public comment.

**B. Public Comment:**

Ms. Joan Mertz presented a list of concerns. A copy of her presentation is included as a part of the permanent record. Some items will be discussed in future meetings and the procedure for posting minutes was explained at this time.

Ms. Sylvia Payne, Christoval, Texas asked that Christoval Main St. be considered as a place to display public art.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Consideration of approving the October 2, 2013 meeting Minutes.**

Mr. Sue Rainey made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**III. REGULAR AGENDA/PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT**

**2. Consideration of approving the placement of additional "Art Opens Doors" doors under the Chadbourne Street Bridge.**

Mr. White presented background information on this item. At the October meeting seven of eight doors were approved. This item is for approval of the final version of door 7 and the 8<sup>th</sup> door with changes. The Commission discussed who will repair the doors if vandalized, security and lighting under the bridge where the doors will be placed. Ms. Lori Francks made a motion to approve the doors with changes, seconded by Ms. Rainey. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mertz stated that she was concerned that the doors were on display during the River Fest but had not been approved by the Public Art Commission. The Commission explained that although the doors had not been approved for permanent placement, they were only being displayed at the River Fest temporarily. Artists are welcome to display their art temporarily at an event without the approval of the Public Art Commission or City Council.

**3. Consideration of approving the placement of a series of "chaps" art work for specific locations downtown.**

Mr. White presented background information on the Streetscape project on Chadbourne Street. There are 17 wells located along this project where the city intended to plant trees, however, with the water situation, this is no longer an option. Art in Uncommon Places is proposing "chaps" be placed in these wells. They have done historical research about the community and they will represent families from the community. The chaps will have LED lighting that has been donated to the project. A committee will be formed to help decide what brands are used and sponsorships will be available. At this time conceptual approval is all that is being asked since this will also have to be approved by the Planning Department and City Council.

Mr. Makins made a motion to recommend the concept of the "chaps" project and proceed with approval from other parties with the details being brought back for approval at a future meeting. Ms. Lori Francks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Mertz stated that the aesthetic and appropriate placement of the "chaps" needed to be discussed as well as the timeline for display with details of the beginning and ending included.

**4. Consideration of approving the re-placement of a heart sculpture at the Lone Wolf Bridge public space.**

The Commission previously approved the placement of this heart sculpture at the Lone Wolf Bridge; however, proponents of the art work are asking to place the sculpture at the center of the bridge along the south side where it will be visible from Paint Rock Rd. The Historic Commission will also have to approve. The Commission discussed concerns with the placement and its affect on future events at this area. Ms. Susan Williams made a motion to approve the placement of the sculpture as discussed contingent with the decision of the Historic Commission. Mr. Quang Le seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**5. Consideration of approving matters related to the "Snaps" photographic image competition and exhibition.**

Mr. White presented some background and history on this item. It is the charge of the Public Art Commission to review and recommend the placement of public art and not to run programs like this one. Mr. Makins stated that the project was hastily done and does not recommend running it so quickly this year. The program did promote new artists and is of value to the community. Moving this event to the Convention Center will be

good for Public Art exposure. Ms. Rainey suggested having the photo contest every other year and allow more time for organizing the event. Mr. Makins suggested tabling this item and adding it to a future agenda.

**6. Updates on the Buffalo Soldier sculpture and tree-trunk sculpting projects and the proposed relocation of the buffalo sculpture from El Paseo de Santa Angela.**

The Buffalo Soldier sculpture effort is being led by other groups, however, the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council voted to be the financial pass through for this project. An account has been set up at Texas Bank with approximately \$3000 representing two donations to the Buffalo Soldier project. Ms. Sue Mims is working with the Reverend Michael Bell and West Texas Organizing Strategies and other interested groups on this project. A sculpture well on 11<sup>th</sup> St. has been set aside for this project. A letter has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation to confirm this.

The tree trunk project is waiting on form information from the Museum of Fine Arts. Ten to twelve tree trunks have been set aside for this project.

Moving the buffalo sculpture at the Paseo is on hold pending further information from the Civic Events Board.

**10. Consideration of future agenda items.**

Discuss the application for Public Art. Mr. White clarified the current applications available are for the temporary display of indoor art and temporary display of art outdoors. Currently there is no application for proposed permanent art, but the current applications may need to be updated. The "Snaps" photography contest and the Ran sculpture at Civic League Park were asked to be added to a future agenda item. Ms. Mertz suggested that each Commissioner present a piece of public art and have Mr. Anthony Wilson, Public Information Officer; present them on channel 17 to help promote the Public Art Commission.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.