

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: January 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Attendees Present:

Bart Watkins – Committee Member
Bob Thompson – Guest
Duane Grieve – Committee Member
Judith Foltz – City of Knoxville, Special Events Director
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Mark Heinz – Committee Member
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Rick Emmett – City of Knoxville, Downtown Coordinator
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member

Approval of the Agenda: Duane moved to approve the agenda. Mike seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Approval of December Minutes: Duane moved to approve the minutes. Susana seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Public Art Plan

Rachel created a map on the Public Arts Committee website which identifies the various public art locations and ideas that Committee members have proposed in their assigned districts. The site is currently hidden to the public, but it can be seen by visiting

<http://knoxvillepublicart.com/map-test/>. Liza will request final suggestions from Committee members, and the Committee will work to prioritize the suggested locations at the February meeting. Erin Donovan will share information about her assigned district at the next meeting.

Murals Questions

Liza shared that several questions have been submitted to the Purchasing Department regarding the mural RFP. Many people have asked questions about the budget, and there have also been questions about specific dimensions and site prep requirements. Liza confirmed the measurements for the Lerner Lofts site on Wall Avenue and submitted the information to Janice. Liza will continue to work with Janice McClelland in the Purchasing Department to provide

answers and get feedback from the Committee as needed. The deadline for submissions is February 15.

Steps Questions

Janice McClelland in the Purchasing Department has asked for additional information regarding site preparation and standards for the proposed steps RFP, specifically for proposals that will work in tile rather than paint. Liza suggested that the Committee use standards set by the National Tile Institute. The Committee agreed with the suggestion; Liza will forward the necessary information to Janice.

Summit Hill status

Liza asked Mike Fowler if he would attend her meeting with Janice (Purchasing Department) to discuss the concerns regarding the partnership of the artist and landscape architect for the park at Summit Hill and Gay Street.

Chilhowee Park Status

Julie Graham with East Tennessee Quality Growth (ETQG) is continuing to lead efforts for the Chilhowee Park mural project. Liza stated that she is waiting to hear how much money ETQG has raised for the project. She has organized a Neighborhood Review Committee to gather input, and Liza will attend the next meeting in February. Liza will continue to update the Committee as the project progresses.

Suttree Landing Park

Liza has asked Dawn Michelle Foster in the City's Redevelopment Office to update the Committee about the status of the park and the plans for a public art piece at the site. Liza will update the Committee with more information at the February meeting.

Everly, Vol Landing, Emporium Underground projects

Mike Fowler has been appointed as the landscape architect for the Everly Brothers park project. The proposed Vol Landing project, headed by Kaye Bultemeier with the Hill Avenue Association, is on hold while the Association continues to search for funding. The Arts & Culture Alliance is continuing to work on the project for the Emporium Underground and any

design proposals will be presented to the Public Arts Committee when the project moves forward.

Future Meetings:

- A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art boardroom.
- B. Future meetings:
 - a. March 1, 2016 at 4:00 PM
 - b. April 5, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Absent Members:

Chuck Morris
Erin Donovan
Elizabeth Wright
Jeffrey Lockett
John Powers
Sara Pinnell