

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: February 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Attendees Present:

Bart Watkins – Committee Member
Chuck Morris – Committee Member
Jeffrey Lockett – Committee Member
John Powers – Committee Member
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Kate Creason – Guest, Dogwood Arts
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Rachel Perkins Haverkamp – Committee Administrator
Rick Emmett – City of Knoxville, Downtown Coordinator
Sara Pinnell – Committee Member
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member
Tanisha Baker – Committee Member
Terry Mosley – Committee Member
Tom Cervone – Guest, Dogwood Arts

Absent Members:

Duane Grieve
Erin Donovan
James Taylor
Mark Heinz
Tommie Rush

Approval of the Agenda: Chuck moved to approve the agenda. Susana seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Review of Dogwood Arts: Art in Public Places Selections

The committee welcomed Tom Cervone and Kate Creason from Dogwood Arts. John Powers served as the juror for this year's Art in Public Places Program, and he selected 17 sculptures for inclusion in this year's exhibition. According to Tom Cervone, 14 of the sculptures will be located downtown, 1 sculpture will be located at the airport, and 2 sculptures will be located at ORNL Federal Credit Union branches. The committee reviewed John's selections and voted to approve all 17 sculptures. The committee thanked Tom and Kate for attending, and thanked John for his work jurying the exhibition.

Review of Gay Street Artwork Proposals and Selection of Winning Artist

The committee received fifteen artist proposals from local and national artists for the Gay Street project. After a careful review of all proposals, the committee selected Robert Barnum's "Rhythm of Knoxville" design as the winning proposal.

Review of Cumberland Ave Steps Proposals and Selection of Winning Artist

After reviewing the twenty-one responses to the Request for Qualifications at the December meeting, the committee invited three finalists to submit proposals for the steps project. After careful consideration of the three finalist proposals, the committee selected the artist team Jessie Unterhalter and Katey Truhn.

Murals on Private Property Guidelines

The committee reviewed the draft guidelines for murals on private property and voted to send the guidelines to the law department for additional guidance and approval.

Chilhowee Park Update

Liza shared that Chilhowee Park is hoping to partner with local school teachers and students to paint the tunnel which connects to the recently finished mural at the park. Liza will continue to update the committee as the project develops.

Cancer Survivor Tiles Update

Liza shared that she spoke with Beth Hamil, Executive Director of the Cancer Support Community, about the Cancer Survivor Tiles. Beth felt it would be okay to remove the tiles since they are more than a decade old and perhaps replace it with another project.

Everly Brothers Park Update

Liza shared that the Bearden Council has raised \$74,000 for the Everly Brothers Park and that the park elements are being further developed. The Bearden Council hopes to raise an additional \$100,000-\$150,000 for the art element. Liza will continue to update the committee as the project develops.

Future Meetings:

- A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art.
- B. Future meetings:
 - a. April 4, 2017
 - b. May 2, 2017
 - c. June 6, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM