

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: March 1, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Attendees Present:

Bart Watkins – Committee Member
Duane Grieve – Committee Member, City Council Representative
Elizabeth Wright – Committee Member
Erin Donovan – Committee Member
Jeffrey Lockett – Committee Member
John Powers – Committee Member
Judith Foltz – City of Knoxville, Special Events Director
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Rachel Perkins – Committee Administrator
Rick Emmett – City of Knoxville, Downtown Coordinator
Sara Pinnell – Committee Member

Approval of the Agenda: Sara moved to approve the agenda. John seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of February Minutes: Sara moved to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mural Selection Committee Meeting: Schedule

The Committee discussed several possible dates to schedule to mural selection committee meeting. After a lengthy discussion, Liza recommended that Rachel send out a Doodle poll to all committee members and a decision will be reached by the end of the week.

Potential Public Art Locations Identified

Liza shared that all of the committee members have submitted their recommendations for future sites for public art in downtown Knoxville and the surrounding area. Rachel created a map on the Public Art website that identifies each location and, if applicable, proposed works of art for the site. The link may be viewed at: <http://knoxvillepublicart.com/map-test/>.

Country Music History Mural

Liza shared that there has been interest by the building owner in either removing or updating the Country Music History Mural in the Old City across from Barley's. The mural was originally dedicated by City Council on June 17, 2000 and was sponsored by Keep Knoxville Beautiful. Liza suggested reaching out to the original artists, many who are still in Knoxville, to determine if there is interest in updating the mural. Duane stated that because the mural was originally dedicated by City Council, any changes to the mural will likely need to be approved by the Council. Judith agreed with Duane's assessment. Liza asked how the Committee would need to proceed to have it approved by City Council. Judith stated that it would just need to be added to City Council agenda. Duane and Rick will check the Council records and confirm to the Committee the next steps for the mural.

Everly Brothers Park Update

Duane shared that Mike Fowler has been selected as the landscape architect for the project and that progress is being made. Liza asked when they expect to send out an RFP for the artwork for the site. Mike stated that Fall 2016 would be the earliest date for an RFP to go out, but it may not be until Winter 2016. Duane added that funds are being raised separately; first for the landscape and park portion of the project, and second for the artwork portion of the project.

Chilhowee Park Update

Liza share that the Chilhowee review committee has met and is ready to send out an RFP, but the budget is not set. That RFP is being managed with help from the City of Knoxville's Purchasing Department.

Emporium Center RFP release

The Arts & Culture Alliance will issue an RFP for the underground permanent art installation at the Emporium Center in the next week. The budget for the project is \$10,000. The proposed design will be brought to the committee for approval. CBID has expressed interest in supporting the project by providing funding for lighting of the installation. Liza has received an initial estimate of \$3,700 for the lighting from Massey Electric. Liza asked if that cost was reasonable. Sara offered to share some names of other companies to help Liza find a more competitive offer.

Harry T. Burn Memorial

Liza asked Rick to share any news about the proposed Harry Burn Memorial in downtown Knoxville. The proposed location is near the East Tennessee History Center. Rick stated that he has invited Wanda to come before the Committee for approval of the design, and once the design is approved and the site plan is approved, it will move on to City Council and the Mayor for final approval.

Future Meetings:

- A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 4:00 PM
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art boardroom.
- B. Future meetings:
 - a. May 3, 2016 at 4:00 PM
 - b. June 7, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Absent Members:

Chuck Morris
Mark Heinz
Susana Esrequis