

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: April 5, 2016

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

Attendees Present:

Chuck Morris – Committee Member
Denise Stewart-Sanabria – Guest, local artist
Jeffrey Lockett – Committee Member
Judith Foltz – City of Knoxville, Special Events Director
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Patience Melnik – Guest, Keep Knoxville Beautiful
Rachel Perkins – Committee Administrator
Robert Davis – Guest, Lerner Lofts
Rick Emmett – City of Knoxville, Downtown Coordinator
Shane Sandberg – Guest, local artist
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was adjusted to allow the Keep Knoxville Beautiful guests to present their information at the start of the meeting. Mike moved to approve the adjusted agenda. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Keep Knoxville Beautiful Mural

Liza introduced Patience Melnik and Denise Stewart-Sanabria, and explained that they are sharing a proposed design with the committee and seeking the committee's approval of the design to move forward with the project. Patience Melnik, Executive Director of Keep Knoxville Beautiful, applied for a \$2,500 grant and was awarded funding from the City of Knoxville's Parks & Rec Department to support a mural on the James White Greenway. Liza asked Patience to explain how the project was developed and asked if there was a selection process for the artist. Patience explained that the location was identified with help from Joe Walsh (Parks & Rec) as a space in need of beautification. Patience previously issued an artwork RFP for the "Bringing Tap Back" initiative, where Denise Stewart-Sanabria was selected as one of the winners. Patience reached out to Denise to prepare a design for the site, and Denise

created a design that she felt reflected the space. The design features several bicyclists against a blue background. Denise stated that she bikes regularly on the greenway and sees a consistent crowd of other bicyclists as well. The blue background represents the nearby river and the reflection of the sky. Denise explained that she chose colors which are bold and striking, in an effort to attract drivers and pedestrians to visit the greenway. Patience stated that their total budget, including in-kind volunteer hours, totals approximately \$5,000. The award from the Parks & Rec grant was \$1,500. Denise noted that there are two designs being considered: design #1 includes only a 60' section of the wall; design #2 includes the entire 400' section, and the blue background would stretch from end to end, with the bicyclists spaced out a bit more.

Liza thanked Patience and Denise for their time, and the committee commended both women for their efforts and commitment to Knoxville. Liza stated that the committee will review the design further and Liza will share their decision later in the week.

Mural Selection Update

The Committee closed the remainder of the meeting to discuss the mural proposals for the Lerner Lofts and Vol Landing.

Future Meetings:

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

Absent Members:

Bart Watkins
Elizabeth Wright
Erin Donovan
Duane Grieve
John Powers
Mark Heinz
Sara Pinnell