

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: August 1, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Attendees Present:

Bart Watkins – Committee Member
John Powers – Committee Member
Judith Foltz – City of Knoxville, Special Events
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Tommie Rush – Committee Member
Rachel Perkins Haverkamp – Committee Administrator
Rick Emmett – City of Knoxville, Downtown Coordinator
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member

Absent Members:

Chuck Morris
Duane Grieve
Erin Donovan
James Taylor
Jeffrey Lockett
Mark Heinz
Mike Fowler
Sara Pinnell
Tanisha Baker
Terry Mosley

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

Approval of the July 11, 2017 Minutes: Susana moved to approve the minutes. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Steps and Gay Street Projects: Liza informed the committee that Robert Barnum will be arriving in Knoxville on August 25 to install his piece, “Rhythm of Knoxville”, on Gay Street. The steps project was finished in late July and the response from the community has been positive.

State Street Garage project update: The Legal Department is working closely with John Medwedeff to finalize the contract for the State Street Garage project. Following approval of the contract, the artwork is expected to be completed and installed within a year, depending on scheduled construction at the garage.

Cradle of Country Music Park: Liza informed the committee that there have been meetings with the Parks & Recreation Department and Purchasing Department to discuss the planned RFQs and RFPs to be issued for the artwork and landscaping at Cradle of Country Music Park. Public Arts Committee

members Mike Fowler and Sara Pinnell both plan to submit qualifications for the landscaping. As a result, Mike and Sara will not vote on the selection of the artist to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Wordscapes Project: Liza reminded the committee of R.B. Morris' planned Wordscapes project and shared that R.B. hopes to identify potential sites for the installation soon. Liza asked the committee if they want to continue developing small projects while the Cradle of Country Music project develops or if they want to focus entirely on the park. The committee discussed the topic and agreed that the committee should continue to build on the positive momentum of its recent projects and identify additional locations for new murals and/or sculptures. The committee discussed possible locations for future artwork and will revisit the topic at the next meeting.

Future Meetings:

- A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM.
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art.
- B. Future meetings:
 - a. October 3, 2017
 - b. November 7, 2017
 - c. December 5, 2017
 - d. January 9, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM