

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: September 6, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM at The Emporium Center.

Attendees Present:

Erin Donovan – Committee Member
Duane Grieve – Committee Member
James Taylor – Committee Member
Jeffrey Lockett – Committee Member
John Powers – Committee Member
Karen Wooten – Dogwood Arts
Kate Creason – Dogwood Arts
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Rachel Perkins – Committee Administrator
RB Morris – City of Knoxville Poet Laureate
Sara Pinnell – Committee Member
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member
Tanisha Baker – Committee Member
Tommie Rush – Committee Member

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

The motion was approved.

Approval of August Minutes: Mike moved to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Dogwood Arts – Kate Creason

Kate Creason presented information about Dogwood Arts' upcoming 2017 Art in Public Places exhibition, which will include 15 new sculptures and will be juried by Public Arts Committee member John Powers. Dogwood Arts received funding from the City of Knoxville, to be granted through the Public Arts Committee, for up to \$50,000 on a reimbursement basis for artistic expenses relating to Art in Public Places. Dogwood plans to increase artist stipends from \$1,500 per sculpture to \$2,000. Based on the projected budget, Dogwood expects to request \$30,000 for artist commissions, \$8,000 for artist awards, and \$1,000 for the juror fee. Dogwood Arts will submit receipts for all expenses to the Public Arts Committee, and the Committee will reimburse Dogwood.

Chilhowee Mural Dedication

Liza shared that the new mural at Chilhowee Park created by artist Brandon Donahue will be unveiled on Friday, September 9 at the Tennessee Valley Fair's Government Business Luncheon. The committee granted up to \$5,000 to support the project earlier this summer. Liza invited any interested committee members to attend. Susana, Tanisha, and James will attend.

Vol Landing Mural

Liza updated the committee about the progress of the mural at Vol Landing. The Purchasing Department is working with the artist to finalize the permits and funding for traffic control, and Liza hopes the artist will be in Knoxville soon to commence work on the project.

RB Morris

RB Morris was selected as the City of Knoxville's first poet laureate earlier this year. As poet laureate, he is expected to increase visibility for the literary arts through a variety of projects. RB presented information about two potential projects to the committee, as both projects would require close work with the committee.

The first project RB proposes is a literary tour through Knoxville that would be focused on Knoxville author James Agee's novel, "A Death in the Family". The tour would follow the various locations visited by the characters in the novel, from downtown Knoxville to Fort Sanders, and would feature three sculptures at three key sites corresponding to the novel.

The second project aims to bring literature and poetry to unexpected areas around the city, similar to projects in New York and other large cities. There are currently literary quotes on plaques and bricks in Market Square and RB would like to expand the project to include quotes on buses, sidewalks, and other unexpected locations in Knoxville.

The committee thanked RB for his excellent proposals and will consider the proposals at a future meeting.

City Signs – Susana Esrequis

Susana is interested in developing a public art sculpture of the city's name, similar to sculptures in other cities. She has put together a collection of images for the committee to view, and Rachel will send the document to the committee for discussion at a future date.

Regal Cinema Mural

After the meeting, the committee will walk to the Regal Cinema / Nama Sushi wall to inspect the proposed site for another mural. The potential project will be discussed at a future meeting.

Future Meetings:

- A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 4:00 PM
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art.
- B. Future meetings:
 - a. November 1, 2016
 - b. December 6, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM

Absent Members:

Bart Watkins
Chuck Morris
Mark Heinz
Terry Mosley