

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: September 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Attendees Present:

Erin Donovan – Committee Member
James Taylor – Committee Member
Jeffrey Lockett – Committee Member
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Rachel Perkins Haverkamp – Committee Administrator
Rick Emmett – City of Knoxville, Downtown Coordinator
Sara Pinnell – Committee Member
Seema Singh Perez – City Council Candidate
Tanisha Baker – Committee Member

Absent Members:

Chuck Morris
Duane Grieve
John Powers
Mark Heinz
Mike Fowler
Susana Esrequis
Terry Mosley
Tommie Rush

Approval of the Agenda: Jeff moved to approve the agenda. James seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the August 1, 2017 Minutes: Jeff moved to approve the minutes. James seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Gay Street Project Update: Liza updated the committee about the progress of the Gay Street metal mural installation. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the installation has been delayed until December. The site, originally thought to be concrete, is actually made of stucco and Styrofoam, and required additional work by the artist to ensure the integrity and safety of the piece. Liza added that PBA has been a wonderful partner in addressing the various challenges of the project, and we will continue to work with them closely when the artist arrives for the installation later this year. Due to the additional work and materials required, the committee approved an additional \$5,000 for the project.

“Before I Die” Mural: Mark Heinz asked the committee to consider paying a local artist to refresh the “Before I Die” mural in the alley behind the Oliver Hotel. The committee also considered having students from local high schools continue to maintain ownership of the project. Jeff made a motion to

table the proposal until the next meeting, and he will speak to local high school teachers to discuss the possibility of students managing the project. Sara seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Cradle of Country Music Park: Liza informed the committee that the RFQ for the artwork at Cradle of Country Music Park has gone through several revisions and is nearly complete. Liza will send the RFQ to the committee for final approval before it is released.

Future Meetings:

A. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 4:00 PM.

a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

B. Future meetings:

a. November 7, 2017

b. December 5, 2017

c. January 9, 2018

d. February 6, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM