

## **The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee**

### **Public Arts Committee Meeting: January 9, 2018**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

#### **Attendees Present:**

Bart Watkins – Committee Member  
Duane Grieve – Committee Member  
Eric Vreeland – City of Knoxville, Deputy Director of Communications  
Judith Foltz – City of Knoxville, Special Events  
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison  
Mark Heinz – Committee Member  
Mike Fowler – Committee Member  
Rachel Perkins Haverkamp – Committee Administrator  
Sara Pinnell – Committee Member  
Susana Esrequis – Committee Member  
Tanisha Baker – Committee Member  
Terry Mosley – Committee Member  
Tommie Rush – Committee Member

#### **Absent Members:**

Chuck Morris  
Erin Donovan  
James Taylor  
Jeffrey Lockett  
John Powers

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

**Approval of the December 5, 2017 Minutes:** Mark moved to approve the minutes. Susana seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **Cradle RFQ Update**

Liza reminded the committee that the deadline for submission of qualifications is Tuesday, January 16. The RFQ was announced on the Americans for the Arts Public Art Listserv, on social media, and a press release. A final reminder will be posted to the Listserv on Wednesday. So far, there are 59 interested applicants. The committee will review applications at the next meeting on February 6, beginning at 3:00 PM at the Knoxville Museum of Art. Rachel will share access to the Google Drive for the committee to review the applications prior to the selection meeting.

#### **Wordscapes RFP**

A draft RFP for RB Morris's Wordscapes project was sent to the Purchasing Department for approval. The proposed budget was \$20,000. After some discussion, the committee voted to approve a budget of

up to \$35,000. The RFP also needs site photographs and exact dimensions of the site. Mark volunteered to take measurements of the site and will send those to Liza.

### **Rhythm of Knoxville**

Robert Barnum successfully installed his Rhythm of Knoxville metal mural in mid-December. Susana informed the committee that the existing lighting is not adequate and will need to be adjusted. The committee discussed alternative lighting options. Judith will contact True Grip for more information about alternatives to the existing lights. In the interim, Liza will speak to PBA about getting replacement light bulbs for the existing light fixtures.

Eric proposed a public art unveiling with Mayor Rogero later this spring, either at the Rhythm of Knoxville or Weaving Rainbow Mountain (the painted steps). Eric also suggested that the city could work with Visit Knoxville to develop a walking public art tour and brochure.

### **Robin Easter project**

Liza informed the committee that a new possible project is being developed by Robin Easter and CBID, to paint or wrap the staircase at the corner of Gay Street and Jackson Avenue. When a proposal develops, Liza will bring it to the committee for design approval.

### **Future Meetings:**

- A. The next regular meeting is **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 3:00 PM.**
  - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art.
- B. Future meetings:
  - a. March 6, 2018
  - b. April 3, 2018
  - c. May 1, 2018

**Meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM**