

The City of Knoxville: Public Arts Committee

Public Arts Committee Meeting: March 6, 2018

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

Attendees Present:

Duane Grieve – Committee Member
Eric Vreeland – City of Knoxville, Deputy Director of Communications
Jeffrey Lockett – Committee Member
Liza Zenni – Staff Liaison
Mike Fowler – Committee Member
Rachel Perkins Haverkamp – Committee Administrator
Sara Pinnell – Committee Member
Tanisha Baker – Committee Member
Terry Mosley – Committee Member

Absent Members:

Bart Watkins
Chuck Morris
Erin Donovan
James Taylor
John Powers
Mark Heinz
Susana Esrequis
Tommie Rush

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

Cradle Park Update

Liza shared that the five finalists for the Cradle of Country Music Park project will fly to Knoxville later this month. On Friday, March 23, the finalists will have breakfast at Club LeConte for an overview of the city and a meeting with Mayor Rogero. Following breakfast, they will take a walking tour of downtown Knoxville with Mayor Rogero and other city staff. At 11:00 a.m. the finalists will meet at the park for a site visit with city engineers and others. Following the site visit, they will have lunch with the Public Arts Committee. The RFP will be finalized this month and sent to the candidates prior to their trip to Knoxville. The finalists will return to Knoxville to present their designs to the committee on July 18 at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Poet Laureate Projects

RB Morris proposed an alternative poem, written by Cormac McCarthy, for the Wordscapes project to be located on World's Fair Park Drive, between Broadway and L&N Station Drive:

Keep a little fire burning;

However small, however hidden.

RB also proposed a new Wordscapes project, to be located on the back of Market Square Garage, featuring a quote from Nikki Giovanni:

But the times require that I give myself willingly

and become a wonder woman.

The committee discussed both proposed poems and locations. The retaining wall on World's Fair Park Drive will need final approval from TDOT, once an artist proposal has been received. Sara motioned to approve up to \$25,000 for each project. Terry seconded the motion. The committee voted to approve both projects. A separate RFP will be issued for each project.

New Project: Henley Street & Clinch Avenue

Liza shared a new potential project that was brought to the committee by CBID and other community members. The columns and wall that connect to the pedestrian overpass leading to the Knoxville Convention Center from downtown Knoxville, at Henley Street & Clinch Avenue, have been recommended for beautification. The committee discussed the location and the recently installed lighting and art installation on the pedestrian overpass, and how best to connect that artwork with new artwork. After some discussion, Sara, Mike, and Duane agreed to further research the site and bring a recommendation to the committee about a potential RFP for the site.

Rhythm of Knoxville Lighting

Liza informed the committee that PBA will be fixing the broken light fixtures at the Rhythm of Knoxville piece, as a temporary fix until new lighting can be installed. Duane suggested contact CBID to determine if they would help with funding the lighting. If not, the funding would come from the Public Arts Committee budget. Liza will update the committee when a lighting proposal and budget are available.

Future Meetings:

- A. The committee will meet the five finalist for the downtown park project on **Friday, March 23 at 12:00 PM.**
- B. The next regular meeting is **Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 4:00 PM.**
 - a. The meeting will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art.
- C. Future meetings:
 - a. May 1, 2018
 - b. June 5, 2018
 - c. July 18, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM