

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 5:15 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
Liles Hotel Conference Room
27300 Old 41 Rd.
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:18 p.m.

Present

Melissa Layner
Gary Price
Janet Flanders
Nigel Fullick
Susan Bridges

Staff

Nicole Perino, Parks and Recreation Director
Amy Quaremba, Council

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

III. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE HISTORIC MURAL LOCATED IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Councilwoman Carr was not present.

IV. DISCUSSION OF ALEX NUNEZ'S QUOTE TO RESTORE AND ADD UV PROTECTANT TO THE BENSON'S GROCERY MURAL

Ms. Perino reported Mr. Nunez quoted \$3,500, which would include putting down a soft power wash, repainting the entire mural and putting on a color seal which is a primer for the UV seal so it will be double protected. Mr. Fullick asked how long the UV coating will last. Ms. Perino replied that Mr. Nunez said, with the new UV protectant that he uses, it should last 2 years instead of one, but he thinks it will last a good 3 to 5 years. Mr. Price noted that it's the north side of the building, so it gets low UV. The Board discussed the maintenance of the mural going forward.

Mr. Price noted that the sign for the Wonder Gardens had a UV protection put on it, but that was 18 years ago. Ms. Perino noted that for the Wonder Garden sign, it's less about UV issues and more weather issues, like mold.

The Board discussed different murals around the determined City should be capitalized and the benefits of murals for the neighborhoods.

Councilwoman Quaremba reported that John R Wood Properties is doing a video on Bonita Springs, and she will be interviewed for content for the video, so if the Board would like her to note anything specific for the video to let her know.

Ms. Layner made a motion to approve \$3,500 for the restoration of the Benson's Grocery mural project, Ms. Flanders seconded; all in favor, motion passed.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF CITY-OWNED ARTWORK FOR OTOCAST

Ms. Perino discussed the existing photographs of City-owned art currently available with the Communications Director and if those photographs would be accessible. Ms. Perino spoke to Ms. Bridges about taking pictures with an I-phone, Ms. Bridges thinks that would be okay, but will check with OTOCAST to see if the photographs need to be professional or if they could use an I-phone. Councilwoman Quaremba noted that Mrs. Flynn takes a lot of the photos for Spotlight and maybe she could take photos. Ms. Perino stated that none of the new sculptures have been photographed professionally.

V. BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION OF ARTIST COTTAGE #3 LETTERS OF INTEREST

Ms. Perino reported that Mr. Desai has exhausted all his renewals, so they must advertise and request Letters of Interest for Cottage #3. Ms. Perino stated Mr. Desai could reapply if he wished and she also has received calls from other artists who would be interested.

B. UPDATE ON THE RENT REINSTATEMENT OF THE ARTIST COTTAGES AT RIVERSIDE PARK

Ms. Perino reported that the reinstatement of rent begins March 1, 2021. Mr. Fullick asked if the artists all know this, Ms. Perino confirmed that they have all been notified.

C. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Price asked about Special Events permits and if there was something in the language of the contract stating that they cannot use City statuary to hang signs. Ms. Perino said she does not believe so. Mr. Price stated there needs to be. Ms. Perino concurred that they are aware of the issues. Mr. Price suggested looking at the application. Mr. Fullick thanked Mr. Price, stating that people have tied ropes, hung signs, or sat on sculptures, and it wears on the finish. Mr. Fullick said it should not be difficult to put that in the contract.

Ms. Quaremba asked if there was staff at the events. Ms. Perino said yes, they have staff but, depending on the size of the event, they typically only have one person.

Ms. Perino reported that when an organization does not comply with the City's specifications and regulations, they can deny their future request and noted that the Parks and Recreation department documents everything.

Councilwoman Quaremba spoke about the vision for the downtown area stating there will be some provision for public input and suggested the Board be involved. Mr. Fullick mentioned that the Board would like to see two or three places for public art.

Councilwoman Quaremba recommended the Board participate in the opportunity for public input and thinks it should be put on record. Councilwoman Quaremba attended the Downtown Alliance meeting, and it was suggested that there should be art galleries downtown. Mr. Fullick spoke about Art in the Sun program for Old 41 that was active several years ago stating the only piece of art to come to fruition from that program is *AWAY*.

Ms. Flanders asked about other park locations. Ms. Perino reported that they just finished phase 1 of the baseball complex. The skate park will be next.

VI. DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 9, 2021

The Board confirmed March 9, 2021 for the next Board meeting.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020 AND JANUARY 19, 2021 MEETING

January 19, 2021

First Page, heading:

Change the date from 2020 to 2021. Ms. Perino - January 19 minutes, change the date from 2020 to 2021

Item IV, A. Correct spelling of word "discussion"

First page, Board and Staff Items:

Mr. Fullick asked the Board to "take a look the mural" that's on the side of the south wall of the realtors building across from the Liles Hotel. Change to "take a look **at** the mural".

Item IV, D. third page:

Ms. Bridges reported that the **artists** work is created from historic photographs that the City of Bonita Springs provided to the artist. Artists' work should be possessive, add an apostrophe.

Ms. Flanders made a motion to accept the January 19, 2021, minutes as amended, Ms. Layner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

November 20, 2020

Comment:

Mr. Fullick noted that Ms. Bridges was going to find out about a Dale Rogers show. Mr. Fullick spoke to Andrew and learned that Mr. Rogers' show is going to be in Naples. Ms. Perino concurred, that Mr. Rogers is just doing a Naples show.

Item IV, A, Page 2:

Mr. Fullick has spoken to three people to see if they might be **interest**. Change interest to **interested**.

Ms. Flanders made a motion to accept the November 10, 2020, minutes as amended, Ms. Layner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

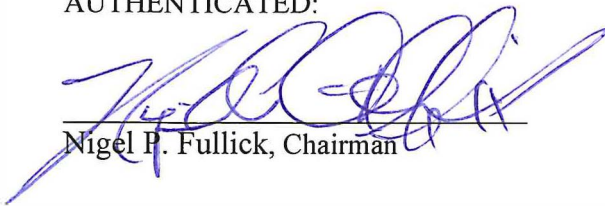
Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte 04/21/2021
Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: May 18, 2021

AUTHENTICATED:


Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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