

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 5:15 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

MEETING MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:21 p.m.

Present

Nigel Fullick
Janet Flanders
Jennifer Perry
Melissa Layner
Susan Bridges
Jackie Hauserman

Staff

Nicole Perino

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public Comment.

III. DISCUSSION OF ANDREW CARSON SCULPTURE FOR POSSIBLE PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT AT CITY HALL

Mr. Fullick directed the Board to look in their packet with descriptions and dimensions of Andrew Carson's sculptures. Ms. Perino stated the gallery recommended the sculpture "Glassinator" with an 8-foot pole based on the width. The quote for this sculpture with an 8-foot pole is \$9,500. Ms. Bridges recommended working with the artist instead of the gallery, where sometimes you can negotiate a better price.

Ms. Perino advised the Board about some events coming up when considering sculptures. Ms. Perino reported that City Hall is undergoing some major renovations, which will go to Council in March for approval. Part of the renovations will involve landscaping so the City would like to hold off ordering any sculptures until the renovations are completed. Once approved by Council the architect will come and speak with the Board. *By polar Hydra* will be discussed during that conversation as well.

Ms. Perino reported that City Staff would like the Board to take over the approval process for all City artwork including the rotating art that's in City Council chambers. Mr. Fullick suggested tabling this topic for next meeting. Mr. Fullick suggests that the rotation should be every 6 months. They are looking for pieces that would stay longer term.

Ms. Perino has already reached out to Community Development regarding a new sculpture at City Hall. If we ordered the piece in February, they would have it by June.

The Board discussed the dimensions of the piece and timing for ordering the piece. Ms. Bridges stated if they need help with storing the piece until the renovations are complete, the Art League could help with storing the piece.

Mr. Fullick congratulated Ms. Perry on her new position with the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. Ms. Perry will be the new Exhibitions Director.

Mr. Fullick asked the Board to decide which piece they like. Ms. Perry stated if the artist recommended the Glassinator, that is the piece she would recommend.

Ms. Flanders made a motion to purchase “Glassinator” as the artist, Andrew Carson, recommended; Ms. Perry seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion to accept the stainless steel textured pillar.

Ms. Perry made a motion to use the stainless steel textured pillar, Ms. Licitra seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARTIST COTTAGES

Mr. Fullick opened the discussion regarding Cottage #4. The tenant would like to extend her lease for another year without having to go through the RFP process and had gone to Councilman Gibson with this request. Ms. Perino noted the tenant has rented for 8 years. She was given the original 5-year term then an extension for one year for the downtown construction and then an additional 2 years due to Hurricane Irma. She is out of renewals, her agreement ends May 21, 2020. Ms. Perino stated she is a good tenant and teaches painting courses at the cottage, she is open every weekend, every event and during the week.

The Board discussed the tenant’s request and felt it would set a precedent and be unfair to the other tenants to change the process for one tenant. Mr. Fullick will meet with the City Manager and Councilman Gibson to discuss this issue.

Mr. Fullick stated they will get the RFP together; the Board will review and then it will go to Council for approval.

Ms. Bridges asked if there was a mechanism in place where the artists were processing sales tax? Ms. Perino stated that the City Attorney looked at the contract and he said it was not required to have the sales tax receipt to show that they have paid their sales tax to the state, but Nicole will double check with the City Attorney. Ms. Perino noted she does have to have the Lee County business tax receipt before they move in.

V. BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

A. ELLY MCKUEN – GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Please note, this was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Ms. McKuen reported that the Lee County Tourist Development Council (TDC) recently announced their annual grant application cycle. Once a year this organization offers

grants that are tourist/beach/water related. Ms. McKuen explained there is a grant application process and the City is looking at ways to enhance River Park. They are proposing a sculpture park as a catalyst to the work that has already been done at the Park. Buying additional art pieces, buying foundations for traveling shows. They are in the process of putting numbers together for sculptures and infrastructures. Mr. Fullick mentioned that the lead in would be a sculpture park. Ms. McKuen stated yes.

Ms. Perino reported that they just got approval for signage for River Park on 41.

Ms. McKuen would like to include in the application process that the Art in Public Places Board agrees and supports the project. Ms. Perino added that Ms. McKuen is writing up a green sheet for City Council for approval to apply for the grant and they would need a motion from the Board for that.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion to approve the TDC grant application to continue the development of Phase 2 for River Park.

Ms. Bridges made a motion to recommend that the City move forward with the TDC grant, Ms. Licitra seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Flanders asked if they could get restrooms at the park. Ms. Perino replied maybe in Phase 3. Ms. Perino has been working with FPL to get power and the civil engineers at BSU to get water past the main of the plaza. None of the infrastructure is currently laid in that area.

**B. DISCUSSION OF ARTIST RON STINSON OF METAL EXPRESSIONS LTD.
WWW.METALEXPRESSIONS.COM**

Ms. Flanders thinks he has some very nice sculptures. Ms. Bridges would like to know more about the metal he's using and whether they are treated or not treated. Ms. Perino does not think it's treated because on the website he gives care instructions on how it should be treated.

Ms. Perino will reach out to the artist to find out what the material is.

Mr. Fullick asked where Mr. Stinson was located. Ms. Perino replied Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fullick noted they would have to consider shipping.

Ms. Perino reported that she has ordered the plaques for the new sculptures.

Mr. Fullick reported that the stone monument for the plaques cost \$399 and weigh 85 pounds, the dimensions are approximately 18" x 28".

C. UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO EXHIBIT CLOSING

Mr. Fullick asked if there were any pieces the Board would like to permanently add to the City's collection. Mr. Fullick asked the Board members to commit to going to the park to look at the sculptures and take some notes. Look at the content and the structure and if they think the sculpture would be able to tolerate the environment. Ms. Perino has been working with the University on a date when they would pick up the sculptures. Ms. Perino thinks the actual date is March 27 but conveyed that the City is not in a rush. Ms. Perino will find out if the University would be interested in selling the sculptures.

Mr. Fullick reported that Florida Atlantic University is interested. They asked about the size of the slabs. Mr. Fullick explained that they would be looking for at least 4 pieces but would prefer 6 to 8. Ms. Perino stated they have 6 pads.

Ms. Perino reported that they included the fact that they had their first university exhibit in the grant that Ms. McKuen is writing and that they will be reaching out to other universities.

VI. DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING DATE – MARCH 10, 2020

Topics for next meeting:

- Relocating a couple of the sculptures
 - “*Away*”

Next meeting scheduled for ***March 10, 2020.***

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING

Ms. Perry made a motion to accept the November 19, 2019, minutes as presented, all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bridges asked Ms. Perino to email the budget to the Board so they know how much money is in the budget and deadline for installation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

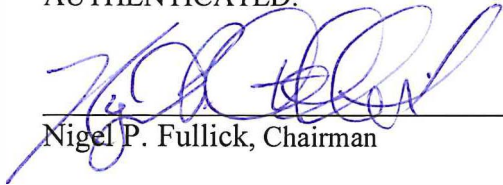
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APPROVED:

Date: 05/18/2021

AUTHENTICATED:



Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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