

**Art in Public Places Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2020 5:15 P.M.
City of Bonita Springs
Virtual Meeting**

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MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting convened at 5:21 p.m.

Present

Nigel Fullick
Janet Flanders
Jackie Hauserman
Jennifer Perry
Joanie Licitra
Melissa Layner

Absent

Susan Bridges

Staff

Nicole Perino, Parks and Recreation Director
Amy Quaremba, Councilwoman

II. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR PURCHASE OF ANDREW CARSON ART SCULPTURE “THE GLASSINATOR”

Mr. Carson is producing them now and they could get the sculpture within a month and it would make the September 30 timeline. They need a place to store it. Mr. Fullick stated that Susan Bridges said she could store it; Ms. Perry will speak to Ms. Bridges about storing the sculpture until it can be installed. Mr. Fullick asked Ms. Perino if they would be allowed to store it as his storage unit in the City of Bonita and would be willing to store the sculpture until it can be installed. Ms. Perino stated that was fine. Ms. Perino reported that the price of \$9500 includes shipping with the 8-foot pole, which Mr. Carson recommends for commercial.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion to move forward with the purchase of the *Glassinator* for \$9,500 and present to Council.

Ms. Perry made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the Glassinator piece for \$9500 and arrange delivery and determine where it should be delivered, Ms. Flanders seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR PURCHASE OF UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO ART PROFESSOR'S SCULPTURE LOCATED IN RIVER PARK

Ms. Perino stated that last meeting it was discussed that she could offer up to \$3,500 for the sculpture. Ms. Perino offered \$3,000 and the artist accepted.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion to purchase the sculpture by the Art Professor from the University of Montevallo currently located at River Park for a total of \$3,000. Ms. Hauserman so moved; Ms. Perry seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fullick asked about the name of the sculpture. Ms. Perino did not know but will find out.

Ms. Flanders asked about the finish. Ms. Perino was able to get information from the artist on how to clean it. Ms. Hauserman thought there seemed to be some rust on it. Ms. Perino will make sure they clean before they move forward. And Ms. Perino will send picture to the artist to make sure it's not damaged.

Ms. Perino stated at this time they don't have a date to come and pick up the other sculptures, so the sculptures may be at River Park a little longer.

Mr. Fullick asked if there were any liabilities for keeping the sculptures longer. Ms. Perino stated no, they both have insurance, so the pieces are covered.

IV. BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION OF ARTIST COTTAGE #5 VACANCY

Ms. Perino reported Cottage # 5 will be available on July 31. Mr. Kearny, who does the ceramics, is moving and he opted not to renew.

Ms. Perino sent letters to the three other artists who were interested in the cottages. Ms. Perino has heard from two of the three that they would like to submit a proposal again.

The City is getting ready for a new procurement process. They can go live with any bids on July 28. The RFP is the same, so the artists can submit the same proposals again.

B. DISCUSSION OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Ms. Perino stated they will have their budget discussions on August 3, but she wanted to let the Board know she had a discussion with the City Manager, Finance and the City Attorney they can make their budget be in the CIP instead of operating. The City Manager recommended that they leave some money in the operating budget so they can pay for things like cleaning the sculptures.

Mr. Fullick recommended keeping \$5,000 in the operating budget for items like cleaning. Ms. Perino recommended proposing to Council \$50,000 in the CIP budget and \$5,000 in

operating to pay for things like cleaning. All the funds now are in operating and do not carry over.

Bensons Grocery

Ms. Flanders saw some water damage on the mural on Bensons grocery. Ms. Perino will go tomorrow and look at it and see if it can be cleaned or if they need to contact the artist. Ms. Flanders stated it appears that the air conditioner was leaking. It looks like mold or algae. Mr. Fullick asked if Mr. Nunez could look. Mr. Fullick asked when the agreement with the building has expired. Ms. Perino stated the agreement has not been renewed with the new owners. Mr. Fullick recommends pursuing an agreement with the new owners of Bensons Grocery and asked how amenable Ms. Perino thinks the new owners will be to be renewing. Ms. Perino has not worked with them before and is not sure. Mr. Fullick asked Nicole to reach out to the new owners about the agreement. Once the owners sign a new agreement, they can get the mural cleaned up.

C. UPDATE ON THE SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE BY THE DEDECKERS

Ms. Perino reported that the maintenance on the sculptures was completed the end of June. It took them about 4 days. The apple is bright red again at City Hall on the *Secret Bench* and the invoice has been paid. Ms. Perino reported the only issue we need to look at is the Setting the Pace sculpture at Riverside at the Band Shell. There are some cracks in the foundation at the bottom, they are looking at getting prices to see how we can fix that.

Mr. Fullick has not gotten an answer yet about the granite monuments. But the price includes 4 lines of engraving and shipping. Mr. Fullick will get a report for the next meeting.

Other business

Ms. Perino reported that they do have about \$37000 in this year's budget. They did have the TDC meeting, but they did throw out the lighting. Ms. Perino asked if they would like to donate some money from their budget towards getting electric to the park and which will cost approximately \$17,000. Would you like to use some of your remaining funds getting electric to River Park? Mr. Fullick opened the discussion for comments. Ms. Perry loves that idea; it will expedite everything in the next fiscal year. Ms. Flanders stated it will enhance and improve everything we already have, and they will not waste the money if they're not using it for anything else. Ms. Licitra, couldn't they use the rest of the money for the lighting change to Ms. Licitra asked why they couldn't use the rest of the money for lighting). Ms. Perino stated at this point they really can't do the lighting because they are redoing all the sod and irrigation which is part of the grant.

Mr. Fullick asked if they could ask Council, since they have approximately \$12,000 left over, to increase next year's budget from \$50K to \$60K so they could have more money next year. Ms. Perino stated she doesn't think this is the year to ask for more money. Councilwoman Quaremba agreed and stated they are going to be a complete review of the CIP so now is not the time to ask for more.

Mr. Fullick asked about the work on West Terry, it appears that they are ahead of pace. Ms. Perino reported that she believes that they are on time, September was the timeframe.

Mr. Fullick stated he's sure there are a couple of locations in front of the school where they could install a sculpture they had discussed. Mr. Fullick would like to know if they could install a platform in order to put a future sculpture on it in the future. Ms. Perino stated she will talk to Mr. Feeney, but he will most likely ask for them to wait until the project is finished. Mr. Fullick asked Ms. Perino to talk to Mr. Feeney about the possibility. Mr. Fullick is almost sure the sculpture will be donated. They only need the platform for the sculpture.

Mr. Fullick asked if there were any other ideas for projects to be completed before the end of September. Ms. Flanders recommended the area near the bio reactor for the sculpture *Away*. Mr. Fullick asked if the area has light so you could see the sculpture at night. Ms. Perino stated that the bio reactor is in phase II, they received a grant for additional funding for that and she doesn't know what's going to be going on in that area. Mr. Fullick stated it would need to be well lit at night.

Ms. Perino stated they need to get water to River Park for irrigation and recommended the Board consider donating additional funds to utilities in general. They would have to get an engineer out to River park to see how to get water to the park.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion for left over funds to be donated to be used for electric and irrigation at River Park.

Ms. Flanders made a motion for the balance of the funds left over from this year's budget be used to enhance River Park for the electric and irrigation, Ms. Licitra seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fullick mentioned that they will have a change in leadership in November. Ms. Quaremba noted that she typically meets with the candidates before the election to go over projects that the committees are doing and as the liaison for Art in Public Places Board, she will go over their projects.

Ms. Quaremba stated council will be facing financial issues due to revenue short fall, if not this year, next year and advised they will have to be careful.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020 and JUNE 9, 2020 MEETINGS

March 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Corrections:

Roman numeral III, first paragraph, page 1:

Change:

Ms. Perino made a note for the downtown association area.

To: Ms. Perino made a note that she would contact the downtown association area.

Ms. Flanders asked if it was confirmed that the pads were 4x4; Ms. Perino replied yes.

Ms. Flanders made a motion to accept the March 10, 2020 meeting minutes as corrected, Ms. Layner seconded; motion passed unanimously.

June 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes:

Roman numeral III, page 2 under next year's budget change Ms. Perry to Ms. Perino.

Roman numeral IV, page 3 where it states that Ms. Bridges recommended the banana sculpture, not Ms. Hauserman. Ms. Flanders didn't remember who talked about the banana sculpture and wanted to make sure that was accurate. The Board concurred it was Ms. Bridges who brought up the banana sculpture, so the minutes are accurate as written.

Ms. Flanders made a motion to accept the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as corrected, Ms. Perry seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVE NEXT MEETING – August 11, 2020

The Board approved the next regularly scheduled meeting date of August 11, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

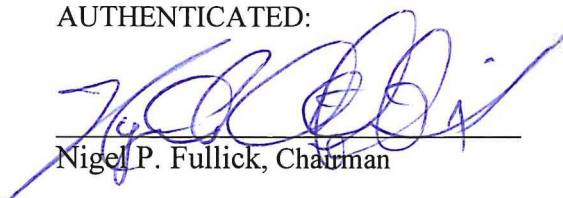
Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte 10/29/2020
Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: May 18, 2021

AUTHENTICATED:



Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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