

**Art in Public Places Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 25, 2020 5:15 P.M.  
Virtual Meeting  
City of Bonita Springs  
Meeting Minutes**

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**AGENDA**

I. ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 5:24 p.m.

**Present**

Nigel Fullick  
Janet Flanders  
Jackie Hauserman  
Melissa Layner  
Joanie Licitra

**Staff**

Nicole Perino, Staff Liaison  
Amy Quaremba, Council

**Absent**

Susan Bridges

Mr. Fullick announced that Ms. Jennifer Perry has resigned from the Board due to time constraints. Mr. Fullick said he knows of someone who may be interested and asked the Board to reach out to people they think may be interested in serving on the Board.

Mr. Fullick contacted Mr. Kellum regarding his sculpture at City Hall and they have a plan to protect the sculpture during construction.

II. DISCUSSION OF THE STORAGE LOCATION FOR THE ANDREW CARSON ART SCULPTURE “THE GLASSINATOR”

Ms. Perino spoke with the artist, Mr. Carson, today. They are still working on the piece, but it will be delivered by September 30.

Ms. Perino spoke with Ms. Bridges at the Bonita Springs Center for the Arts and they will be able to temporarily store the sculpture inside until it is ready to be installed. Ms. Perino stated they felt it was safer to store the sculpture inside during Hurricane season.

The City has signed the agreement and the artist has signed the agreement. They will pay the artist once the sculpture is received.

III. DISCUSSION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO ART PROFESSOR’S SCULPTURE LOCATED IN RIVER PARK

Ms. Perino reported on the sculpture by the Montevallo art professor. The sculpture is called *Shift*. Ms. Perino is happy that Ms. Hauserman looked at the sculpture because it is rusted badly. Ms. Perino stated since the sculpture is rusted, they may not want to purchase that piece. The Professor understood the City's concerns and thought that the piece would hold up with the materials he used, but it did not end up that way.

The University is still trying to figure out when they are going to open back up, so they do not know when they can pick up the sculptures. The Board discussed and there is no harm for the sculptures to stay at River Park until they can come and pick up.

Mr. Fullick has a business relationship with a builder on the East Coast who is in the process of getting a project approved in Bonita Springs. This company loves what the City has done with art and they would give the City a place to put art in their new community. Mr. Fullick will let them know more as the project comes along and noted it will not be a gated community.

#### IV. BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

##### A. DISCUSSION OF ARTIST COTTAGE #5 RFP FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Ms. Perino reported, as of August 21, they have advertised a new RFP for letters of interest for Cottage # 5. Ms. Perino has contacted the three artists who were interested before and she has heard from two more artists who are interested.

Ms. Perino stated that City Hall has waived the rent for the artists due to the pandemic. Ms. Quaremba reported that they received requests from an artist for consideration. Since there is no reason for people to go down to Riverside Park, they thought they should give consideration. Ms. Quaremba stated that they did not put an end date since they do not have any events planned.

Mr. Fullick asked when the re-sodding will be done. Ms. Perino stated it should be done by October. In addition to re-sodding, they are also regrading.

##### B. DISCUSSION OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Ms. Perino reported they had their first round of Budget hearings and they discussed having \$50,000 in the CIP budget for Art in Public Places and \$5,000 in the regular general fund so you can do projects such as the DeDeckers sculpture cleaning project. That has passed the first round. The next budget meeting is September 9.

Ms. Quaremba explained to Council why they wished to move the \$50K to the CIP stating that the Art in Public Places Board will not have to be rushed to spend the money before the end of the fiscal year and they can use the money towards the River Park infrastructure.

Mr. Fullick thanked the staff and Council for all they do for the City of Bonita Springs. Mr. Fullick stated it is appreciated.

Mr. Fullick asked if they will have to address the one tenant that was under duress. Ms. Perino thinks that once the events start again, this should resolve itself.

C. DISCUSSION OF ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD VACANCIES

Mr. Fullick asked the Board if they knew of someone who would be a good addition to Board to please let them know there is a vacancy. Ms. Quaremba asked according to our regulation, are we supposed to post it? Ms. Perino stated yes, they have four vacancies.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Flanders asked about the mural on Benson's grocery. Ms. Perino reported that their air conditioning unit has rusted out and it is leaking on the mural. The mural cannot be cleaned until the AC unit is repaired. It is not damaging the mural, they can clean it off, but it will keep happening until they fix the air conditioning unit. They are still in talks with the owners regarding the mural.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2020 MEETING

Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

VI. APPROVE NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Board decided to take the month of September off and meet the second week of October 13, 2020. Ms. Perino stated it will most likely be via Zoom, but she does not know for sure yet.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned, time not noted.

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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