

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 5:15 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Present

Nigel Fullick
Jackie Hauserman
Joanie Licitra
Janet Flanders
Susan Bridges

Staff

Nicole Perino

II. REVIEW, RANKING AND RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL OF THE LETTERS OF INTEREST RFP 17-29 FOR ARTIST COTTAGE #2

Mr. Nigel Fullick opened the discussion on ranking the submissions for the Artist Cottage vacancy. Mr. Fullick created sheets with the candidates' names in alphabetical order. Mr. Fullick advised if they have multiple candidates and they cannot come to an agreement on one, they will select the top three to come to the next Board meeting and give a brief presentation.

Mr. Fullick advised the Board on the purpose and intent of the Artist Cottages stating when the City rebuilt and refurbished the artist cottages it was with the idea of making a public area where people could go that would be occupied by artists and artisans. The Board is tasked with reviewing the applicants to see what they can bring to the table.

Mr. Fullick asked the Board for their feedback on the submissions received.

Ms. Flanders stated that for her the standout one was the Coil Baskets by artists Diane Hein and Jennifer Sanders. Ms. Flanders like the connection with Florida heritage. Ms. Bridges concurred and explained it is a very natural process that lends itself to this area. Ms. Flanders commented they are also local.

Mr. Fullick read the comments from Board member Joe Hemrick who was not able to attend this meeting. Mr. Hemrick's comments:

- Cherell Art LLC – the artist did not provide examples of art, but appears experienced. Since the artist had local ownership of studios this may result in more foot traffic due to existing networks. Mr. Hemrick liked the idea of a local artist having access to the cottage for collaboration which creates a deeper sense of community. Collaborations will offer experiences for children, books, painting classes, etc.

- Art by Dawn – appears to be an experienced artist/designer/business woman. Proposal included original art as well as refinished furnishing and accessories. The Art is attractive and fits well in a coastal setting and may be a popular addition to the village. Dawn’s experience in owning similar stores may result in more foot traffic. The application did not reference how much time she would occupy the cottage.
- Diane Hein and Jennifer Sanders – pine woven baskets would be a unique addition to the village, while offering a Native American aspect. It would be interesting to see if this kind of weaving might tie into Florida based tribes and bring more inspiration along the Imperial River. Also it ties into the Calusa image in the mural by Jarret Stinchcomb. The artists are full time and willing to occupy all year.
- Thomas Keller – Mr. Keller is new to the area and appears to be experienced. Wood sculpture would be a good addition to the village. Pastel works are high quality. Artist would occupy the cottage all year long.
- Kristen Pimentel – shell based artist currently selling her shell art in one of our existing cottages. Ms. Pimentel was running the cottage at one time. Mr. Hemrick was not sure how long she has been selling her art in the village. It might be beneficial to bring in new artists and more diversification instead of expanding the base of two existing artists.
- Michelle Reidy – Michelle’s bath bars are unique. Mr. Hemrick did not think it is in the spirit of the village.
- Super Science Amazing Art – sounds great may not be in the spirit of the village
- Thomas Muldowney – appears to have relatively little experience and is very seasonal to the area. Mr. Hemrick would recommend full time artists.

Mr. Hemrick did not have a clear cut winner, but would say Thomas Keller, Diane Hein and Jennifer Sanders and Art by Dawn were his top choices. Mr. Hemrick stated it is always a concern when the artist cannot provide art that you cannot see.

Mr. Fullick asked the Board to rank their choices using the numbering conventions on the sheets he distributed. Nicole said they do have to do a ranking for City Council because the Board will be giving City Council their recommendation.

Ms. Jackie Hauserman

Hein and Sanders
 Kristen Pimental
 Thomas Keller

Ms. Janet Flanders:

Hein and Sanders
 Kristen Pimental
 Thomas Keller

Ms. Susan Bridges

Hein and Sanders
Thomas Keller
Kristen Pimental

Ms. Joanie Licitra

Hein and Sanders
Mr. Thomas Keller
Kristen Pimental

Mr. Nigel Fullick

Kristen Pimental
Thomas Keller
Hein and Sanders

1st choice Hein and Sanders – 5 votes
2nd choice Thomas Keller – 4 votes
3rd choice Kristine Pimental – 5 votes

Ms. Perino advised that the Board has the option to have the artists come in and do a presentation. Mr. Fullick stated they have three qualified artists. The next meeting date would be February 13. Ms. Perino stated if the Board made a decision at the February 13 meeting she could get the greensheet ready and the Board's recommendation would go before City Council on February 21.

Ms. Bridges made a motion to invite the three selected artists to the next Art in Public Places Board meeting for presentations so the Board can see examples of their work for the artist cottage opening and to make a recommendation to City Council, Ms. Licitra seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fullick recommended each presentation last no longer than five minutes and answer the following points:

1. What is their commitment time-wise
2. Review samples of their work
3. What each artist brings to the table; keeping in mind that it is a public venue and the artist cottages.

Ms. Perino will ask Ms. Vance the best way to handle the presentations during a public meeting with artists competing for one spot.

Ms. Hauserman asked about subleasing. Ms. Perino responded that the City does not allow subleasing, but does allow guest artists to come in and show their work.

III. DISCUSSION OF COMPLETION OF MURAL AT 2-BLESSED BY ARTIST JARRETT STINCHCOMB

Mr. Fullick said the mural has been completed and looks fabulous and will be there for many years to come. The owners are very happy with it. Mr. Stinchcomb has been a pleasure to work with.

Ms. Susan Bridges made a motion to approve the final payment of the mural; Ms. Janet Flanders seconded; motion approved unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION OF QUOTE FROM THE DEDECKERS FOR SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE

Mr. Fullick opened the discussion on the quote for the DeDecker sculpture maintenance. Mr. Fullick stated that maintenance has not been done in seven years. Ms. Bridges said the Bonita Springs Center for the Arts did have faculty wax the sculptures. Mr. Fullick asked if the sculptures should have maintenance every two years. Ms. Bridges stated she is not sure it is needed every two years, but recommended if they have another hurricane they should look at the sculptures.

Ms. Hauserman made a motion to accept the DeDeckers proposal for sculpture maintenance, Ms. Flanders seconded; motion carried unanimously.

V. PLACE HOLDER FOR FEBRUARY MEETING – DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL OF RELOCATION OF BIPOLAR HYDRA

Mr. Fullick went around the table for suggestions on where to permanently relocate the sculpture *Bipolar Hydra*.

Ms. Hauserman – has not had the time to research

Ms. Licitra – City Hall

Ms. Bridges – City Hall

Ms. Flanders – City Hall

Mr. Fullick – City Hall

Mr. Fullick stated he would like to see it at City Hall, it's the right size.

Ms. Perino advised the Board that *Bipolar Hydra* is on the damaged list and needs to be inspected by FEMA so it may take a while before it can be moved.

Mr. Fullick stated the Art in Public Places Board made a recommendation to City Council that they would like to see the sculpture, Bipolar Hydra, moved to City Hall.

Mr. Fullick commended Ms. Perino and her team for putting “*AWAY*” back together.

The Board discussed sculptures that did not stand up as expected. Mr. Fullick advised the Board, when they look at pieces in the future to make sure they look at the quality and make sure the artist stands behind the piece.

Secret Bench is going to be moved back downtown.

VI. PLACE HOLDER FOR FEBRUARY MEETING – DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN

Mr. Fullick stated they need to start the process of updating the Master Plan. Ms. Bridges asked if the Board is still charged with the same criteria as stated in the original Master Plan. Mr. Fullick asked the Board, with their permission, he will go before Council and ask for direction.

It is easier to make recommendations once they know it's not changed. Mr. Fullick would like to go before City Council at the next evening meeting and would like the Board to attend. Ms. Perino stated the next evening meeting will be Wednesday, March 7.

VII. BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS

Mr. Fullick thanked Ms. Perino for stepping in as staff liaison and asked Ms. Perino to introduce herself.

Ms. Perino stated that she has 18 years of experience working for municipalities in Parks and Recreation for her entire career. Ms. Perino Nicole has been with the City of Bonita Springs for 10 years. Ms. Perino said that she has worked closely with Ms. Hunter since most of the art is in the parks, so it made sense for Ms. Perino to take over the staff liaison position for the Board.

Ms. Perino stated she has the list of items that the Board and Ms. Hunter have been working on.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 12, 2017

Note: November meeting was cancelled, did not have a quorum.

Approval of the December 12, 2017 minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

IX. APPROVE NEXT MEETING – 02/13/18

Next meeting confirmed for February 13 2018. Nicole will contact the 3 artist to do presentations.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

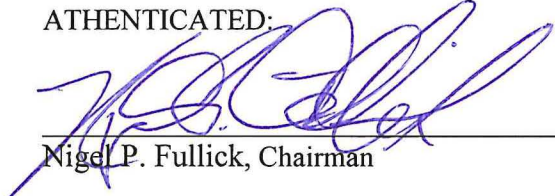
Respectfully submitted,


Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: 5/07/2018

ATHENTICATED:


Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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