

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Monday, March 13, 2017, 5:15 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

Present

Jackie Hauserman
Jennifer Perry
Joan Licitra
Janet Flanders
Susan Bridges
Nigel Fullick, Chairman

Council Liaison and Staff

Arleen Hunter, Assistant City Manager

Absent

Joseph Hemrick

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

III. DISCUSSION MURAL LOI 17-002

The artist was unable to make the meeting, he asked if it would be okay to postpone until next meeting. The business owner is in the process of ordering windows for the building that will need to be reviewed with the mural design. The item will be scheduled for the next meeting.

IV. DISCUSSION OF I-75 ARTWORK/MONUMENT

Ms. Arleen Hunter, staff liaison, spoke to City Architect, Mr. Sam Vincent, who designed the downtown renderings. Ms. Hunter shared with Mr. Vincent that the APPB wants a consistent look for I-75, downtown and the bridge. Ms. Hunter asked Mr. Vincent for ideas of what we should be looking for. Ms. Hunter shared the image provided by Mr. Vincent. The elements to consider would be the cupola, pointed roof, metal roof, bamboo shutters and bead-board for a very old Florida feel. If the board feels comfortable with the features from Mr. Vincent's rendering and wants to identify the symbolic imagery of what we're looking for, the next step would be an RFP to recommend to City Council. Then an engineer/architect would have to help specify what can and cannot be done, prepare a cost analysis and evaluate a location. The engineer/architect would then bring those locations back to the APPB and City Council for review. As well, Ms. Arleen Hunter, staff liaison, had preliminary discussions with Mayor Simmons and Councilman O'Flinn regarding a monument for I-75.

Chairman Fullick asked if we're thinking of I-75. Ms. Hunter replied that, yes, and that sixty thousand has been identified for this project in this fiscal year. Once the Board has an idea of what the cost would be for this project, a budget can be prepared for next fiscal year, 2017-2018. Part of the scope could include evaluating height mass and scale for locations and narrow

it down to three locations. City manager, Carl Schwing, shared with Ms. Hunter that there is another city owned parcel on I-75 south of where the water tower is by Citrus Park which could be big enough for a monument. It would be visible from north bound and south bound. Ms. Hunter stated the water tower location would still be a potential location as well. Part of the RFP would be to show appropriate property along I-75. The northern most property by the water tower is BSU property.

Ms. Hunter directed the Board to a rendering in the packet that Mr. Vincent had designed of an observation tower as a possibility for the water tower location on Big Hickory Boulevard. Ms. Hunter asked the Board if they were interested in the observation tower as a replacement if the water tower by the beach came down. Or if the water tower stays, painting a mural on it. The committee discussed the water tower. If we put a mural on it, it would be the city's responsibility to maintain it.

The Board discussed if the observation would have public access or be a feature without public access. Ms. Hunter stated the engineers would let the Board know the size and scope of what could be built at that location.

Board member, Susan Bridges, made the motion that we utilize the imagery that was presented in the architectural rendering and that it would be something we would identify for an RFP for a welcome feature on I-75, Board member, Jackie Hauserman, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter asked if the Board was interested in exploring alternatives for the water tower at the beach. The Board agreed that a mural on the existing tower is not in the city's best interest.

Susan Bridges made the motion to recommend that we explore the idea of removing the water tower by the beach and implementation of another observation structure tied back to the rendering so we would have continuity, Janet Flanders seconded, motion carried unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION OF US 41 ROAD ARTWORK/BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Hunter reported that Matt Feeney, Public Works Director, has been working on some design elements for the bridge on Old 41. As well, Mr. Feeney has a contact for the person who designed some of the bridges in Naples. Mr. Feeney's contact is a structural bridge engineer and has worked on bridges for the FDOT, creating their templates for approvable bridges while making them more attractive. Ms. Hunter is going to contact him to see if he could meet with Mr. Feeney, Deputy Mayor, Peter O'Flinn and Ms. Hunter to get some ideas.

Ms. Hunter shared a picture of a bridge in Boynton Beach that uses iron scrollwork and turtles as an architectural element. The bridge goes over the intercostal. Ms. Hunter explained that the existing barrier is designed to push a car back onto the bridge and away from the water and pedestrians. It is designed that way as a safety feature.

The Board discussed different architectural features that could be used. Ideas discussed included:

- Making the railing taller to take your eye off the concrete.
- Put in a post and bring in an architectural feature like an old Florida cap or a Mediterranean cap.
- Railing with insets, as an example, dolphins or turtles.
- Banners
- Use color on the railings
- Iron or scroll work instead of flowers, use a mixture of metal and natural material so it flows and softens.

Ms. Hunter suggested that the engineer/architect could also give the Board ideas once we've had the conversation and he could give the Board ball park costs from other bridges. We could also ask him how the process works, does the engineer/architect present to the FDOT, what's involved with the permitting process, how are the expenses broken down, and is there a cost share. Ms. Perry suggested maybe we could phase it once we identify the cost.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017

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Correct third bullet point, first sentence:

“Mr. Fullick referenced artwork he noticed as he was getting off I-75 onto Alico” to

“Mr. Fullick referenced artwork he noticed as he was getting off I-75 onto Alico on the underpass entering the airport”.

Correct third bullet point, second sentence:

“As you get off that exit, there is some artwork, metal or concrete reliefs of porpoise, manatee and palm trees” to

“As you get off that exit, there is some artwork, metal or concrete reliefs of porpoise and pelicans.”

The board discussed that this would be a good idea for the underpass at exit 116. Mr. Fullick said since it's at the underpass near the airport, FDOT has already approved it.

Susan Bridges made a motion to accept the minutes, Jackie Hauserman seconded, motion passed unanimously.

VII. APPROVE NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 11, AT 5:15 P.M.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Benson's Grocery Update

City Council has approved the extension and that was dropped off at Benson's today. Ms. Hunter explained to Alex that he would have to speak with us before he begins painting. The owner mentioned that he wanted to contact the artist and have him work on it. The board needs to approve the design.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: _____

ATHENTICATED:

Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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