

**Public Meeting of the  
Art in Public Places Advisory Board  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 5:15 p.m.  
City of Bonita Springs  
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118  
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

I. ROLL CALL

**Present**

Jackie Hauserman

Jennifer Perry

Joan Licitra

Janet Flanders

Joseph Hemrick

Nigel Fullick, Chairman

**Council Liaison and Staff**

Arleen Hunter, Assistant City Manager

**Absent**

Susan Bridges

**Guests**

Jarrett Stinchcomb

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

III. DISCUSSION MURAL LOI 17-002

Chairman Fullick introduced Mr. Jarret Stinchcomb who presented his ideas for the Murals.

Picture 1 – Calusa

Mr. Stinchcomb explained that the drawing represents the Calusa tribe around the year 1513. Spanish explorers are passing by in the background, there is a Shaman looking towards the future, there is a village on right side of river, Bonita Beach is in the background. The picture also shows a Calusa on the right using a net to catch fish and a Calusa on the left side pushing the fish into pens. There is an Osprey flying in the background with a trout.

Comments:

Chairman Fullick commended the picture, but wants to make sure the mural is historically accurate as far as what the Calusa wore and their customs. Mr. Fullick recommended some people Mr. Stinchcomb can reach out to who are knowledgeable about the Calusa.

Picture 2 – Early pioneers of Survey, 1850 – 1900s – rough estimate.

Mr. Stinchcomb features Captain N. H. Danielson, early pioneer and boat builder. The picture features a schooner, village is on the right side of the river and surveyors in tents in the background. A local boat is pulled up to main schooner with citrus and fish for transport. The picture features an old US map of rivers and creeks and a blue heron flying out of the scene.

Comments:

Mr. Stinchcomb asked for assistance locating old maps.

Picture 3 – Farming and agriculture, rough 1900s -1920

Mr. Stinchcomb explained that there were over 300 acres of fruit and citrus groves. The picture features a farmer, pines in background, oranges, grapefruit and cattle up front to represent the families who owned cattle. The pictures also features beekeeping.

Comments:

No comments

Picture 4 – Bonita Spring’s railroad and lumber industry - approximately 1920.

The picture features the lumber industry in Bonita Springs. Pine trees cut to draw, the scene that’s on the back right side shows people getting the sap to make turpentine. Mr. Stinchcomb explained in 1925 the Atlantic Coastline Railroad came to Bonita Springs to help with the fruit and lumber trade.

Comments:

Mr. Fullick recommended Mr. Stinchcomb speak with Mr. Alex Grantt, who would know all about the railroad. Also Ms. Hunter recommended reaching out to Ronda Lawhon who is from a pioneer family in Bonita Springs. Mr. Fullick recommended Ben Nelson, former mayor, his father was in the lumber business. Mr. Stinchcomb would welcome the opportunity to sit down and meet with these folks.

Picture 5 – The natural spring and fishing in Bonita Springs

The picture features the River Court, which is now the Liles Hotel. Mr. Stinchcomb put a snook at the bottom and a swamp buggy as Bonita Springs is the home of the first swamp buggy. The picture features the local flower, the hibiscus.

Comments:

Mr. Stinchcomb explained that the pictures are to scale using an inch to foot scale.

Picture 6 – Local wildlife and beach scene – 1940 - 1960

This picture features shells to represent the beach as well as the Shell Factory. The panther and alligator to represent both nature and the Everglades Wonder Gardens. The Pelican and ducks for local birds. Mr. Stinchcomb wanted to tie in hunting, so he was thinking of placing a deer next to the swamp buggy.

Comments:

No comments

Chairman Fullick thanked Mr. Stinchcomb for his willingness to listen and to do the research for the drawings.

***Ms. Jennifer Perry made the motion to present the pictures to council; Ms. Jackie Hauserman seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Hunter asked if Mr. Stinchcomb would meet with the business owner to go over the pictures before the Board goes to City Council. Mr. Stinchcomb was agreeable to meeting with the owner.

Ms. Hunter advised a presentation would be beneficial since the current City Council has not yet approved a mural. The presentation should have a picture of the building so that Council knows where the murals will be placed. Ms. Hunter said it would be helpful if the Board were present when the item is introduced to Council for approval and also suggested that Mr. Stinchcomb attend. Ms. Hunter advised that the price should be in the proposal and we should try to have a draft contract with the cost.

Mr. Stinchcomb stated the cost is \$8000 for each piece. Ms. Hunter advised the Board that they have spent \$3200 and have \$41,800 remaining. She stated it is not possible to go over the \$41000, but that they did not fund a traveling show this year due to the construction on Old 41 Road.

Mr. Fullick wants to stress the suitability of the project and to promote what we have done in the past to Council. Mr. Fullick stated this is the most significant mural that we've done.

The Board discussed the timeline for the project. Mr. Stinchcomb has budgeted two months for the project. Ms. Hunter stated he has until September 30, 2017.

Mr. Hemrick asked how the contract is written after spending \$41,000 on the mural, how long is it going to remain on the building. Mr. Stinchcomb said that he has done murals that have lasted twelve years. Mr. Hemrick asked what protection is guaranteed through the contract with the business owner for the preservation of the murals for five years. Ms. Hunter stated the owner would be willing to go from three to five years. As well, if the owners sell the building, the contract goes with the new owner.

Mr. Fullick asked if Mr. Stinchcomb had any questions. Mr. Stinchcomb asked if he will be allowed to spray using his cup gun and air brush. Ms. Hunter said the agreement with the building owners would state that they would accommodate the artist during the installation.

***Mr. Joe Hemrick made a motion to recommend the contract price of \$41,000; Janet Flanders seconded, motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Hunter will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Stinchcomb and the owner. Ms. Hunter will prepare a green sheet for the presentation and direction to staff to be put on the June 21 City Council agenda.

#### IV. DISCUSSION OF I-75 ARTWORK/MONUMENT AND US 41 ROAD ARTWORK/BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS

Ms. Hunter presented renderings of highway median sculptures stating it is a very broad, conceptual idea. From the last meeting with Councilman O'Flinn, City Council approved \$12,000 to work with a bridge engineer. Additionally, staff is working with the City Architect, Sam Vincent on the design to determine what would fit and not fit and develop concepts and ideas. Ms. Hunter explained this is a conceptual idea of what could happen, not necessarily involving water, it could be mosaic tiles in blue representing water. The Council liked the idea of a fountain, but not necessarily the water. Ms. Hunter advised that this would have to be approved by the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT).

Mr. Fullick asked if Council discussed budget. Ms. Hunter stated they did not, but advised the Board of the July 7<sup>th</sup> Budget workshop at 9 a.m. Staff has the task of examining all past projects, spending trends and City Council priorities.

Regarding the Water Tower, Ms. Hunter said Council voted not to pursue a mural on the water tower, they voted to explore the possibility of an observation deck there or the opportunity of putting something like the city logo on the water tower on I-75. This would be done through the capital improvement budget. The City is looking at RFPs for an architectural engineer.

Ms. Hunter stated to keep in mind that FL DOT has a bold landscaping initiative within a future state fiscal year.

Ms. Hunter stated Council talked about the possibility of placing a large flag somewhere there, and explained the flag pole that is adjacent to the water tower is actually a cell tower and it's not strong enough to hold a larger flag. Part of the RFP would be to look at where the I-75 monument could go.

Mr. Fullick asked if Council would be asking the Board for recommendations. Ms. Hunter stated they would ask for your review as far as consistency city wide, but the formal decision would be City Councils. As a first step, staff is consulting with a bridge engineer who is very familiar with FDOT requirements.

Mr. Fullick asked if Council has changed their minds for the railings on the bridge. The Board came up with some phenomenal ideas. Ms. Hunter stated that Council still has to talk about the railing, it has to be pedestrian friendly as well.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

### A. STATUS REPORT ON THE CONDITION/REPAIR OF "SLICES OF HEAVEN" AT RIVERSIDE PARK AND "FISH STICKS" AT RIVER PARK.

Ms. Hunter stated the last she heard the artist was going to be coming the beginning of April, but he did not. Mr. Fullick is concerned because it's a safety issue and the Board feels it is dangerous. Ms. Hunter said she will reach out to the artist and tell him it needs to be fixed immediately and if she does not hear back, it will be elevated to the Board.

The Board also discussed that the sculpture titled "Fishsticks" needs to be removed.

### B. STATUS OF ARTIST PLAQUES AT RIVER PARK, THE PLAQUES ARE GONE.

Mr. Fullick asked what happened to the plaques at River Park. Ms. Hunter explained they did not have plaques for the temporary artwork. They have a permanent plaque for "Bipolar Hydra"

because the City purchased that sculpture, but they are not going to put the plaque there yet because that is not its permanent home.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2017

The minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting were not able to be approved. Due to a malfunction with the recorder, parts of the meeting were not recorded. Ms. Hunter will get together with Nadine Chiaramonte to fill in the blanks so the minutes can be approved at the June meeting.

VII. APPROVE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting was set as June 20, 2017.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nadine Chiaramonte, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATHENTICATED:

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Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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