

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 5:15 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

I. ROLL CALL

Present

Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman
Joe Hemrick
Jackie Hauserman
Joanie Licitra
Susan Bridges
Jennifer Perry

Guests

Alejandro Nunez

Council Liaison and Staff

Arleen Hunter
Councilman Peter O’Flinn

Absent

Janet Flanders

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

III. DISCUSSION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE MURAL ON BENSON’S GROCERY BUILDING – ALEX NUNEZ, ARTIST

Ms. Hunter explained that the building has been extended at Benson’s Grocery for a Tacoria. The building owner has been notified that the wall has to be painted with the downtown color pallet or a mural can be painted on the new wall. A mural would have to be approved by the Art in Public Places Board. Ms. Hunter introduced artist, Alejandro Nunez, to discuss the mural.

Mr. Nunez explained that he would like to incorporate something in the same color pallet as the previous mural on the new wall. He would like to clean up and power wash the original mural, including putting a new UV coating for protection so it will last another three years. Mr. Nunez would like to incorporate the new design with the old design.

Ms. Hunter reported that the City did extend the agreement with Benson’s grocery for an additional three years, but did not extend an agreement with Alex for maintenance. Mr. Fullick asked if we had a proposal for maintenance and what the next 3 years would cost. Mr. Nunez said he would not charge for maintenance, Mr. Fullick stated the Board would pay for materials.

Ms. Bridges made a motion to approve Mr. Nunez’s design and proposed moving forward, directing Mr. Nunez to go ahead and contract with the owner of Benson’s Grocery for the new piece and the cleaning and recoating and the additional painting of the wall area where they moved the electrical boxes, and the city would choose to allocate up to \$100 for materials to help with the original mural. Ms. Hauserman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter stated a green sheet will be presented to City Council for approval at the next City Council meeting on July 5, 2017.

IV. DISCUSSION OF THE MURAL FOR LOI 17-002

Ms. Hunter explained that there are three green sheets before the Board. The first is the presentation which is scheduled for this Council meeting on June 21. Mr. Fullick will introduce Mr. Stinchcomb and talk a little bit about the background of the mural program and how we came to the negotiation of the price. Mr. Stinchcomb will present his storyboard and go through each panel.

Ms. Hunter explained that we worked with the property owner and came to a 10-year agreement which is attached to the property stating if the owner sells the property, the agreement transfers.

The Board discussed presenting the mural to City Council, explaining the Board's goals and objectives for the City of Bonita Springs and the importance of the mural program in celebrating the history and culture of Bonita Springs.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

It is unclear whether the sculpture "Slices of Heaven" has been replaced or not, closer investigation is needed. Mr. Fullick will investigate and let Ms. Hunter know the status.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2017

Mr. Joe Hemrick made a motion to accept the minutes; Ms. Jennifer Perry seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. APPROVE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2017.

To be discussed next meeting:

Ms. Bridges stated that she has been approached regarding the possibility of doing a light show which would be on display the middle of November till the end of December 2017. Ms. Bridges directed the Board to look up Amsterdam Light Show which showcases art pieces along the canals of Amsterdam. Other U.S. cities have had similar shows. Ms. Bridges explained that no substantial amount of money would come out of the Art in Public Places budget, but there would be a nominal amount, perhaps \$7 – \$8K. Right now they are considering the two Bonita Springs Center of the Arts campuses, but Ms. Bridges thought of the Old 41 corridor as well.

Ms. Bridges explained it involves LED lighting that is battery controlled with a remote control, the lights are programmed to change colors in patterns. People can walk around and view the works of art. It is a moving electric experience.

Ms. Bridges explained that there would be a call for artists who would be asked to submit their artwork. Ms. Bridges likes the idea of opening it up to the schools and have the students submit artwork.

Mr. Fullick asked what the full amount would be; Ms. Bridges estimates about \$50K and further explained the Center of the Arts would contribute towards it, the City would pay towards it and they would apply for grants to help pay. Ms. Bridges doesn't want to ask the City for a large amount of money for this because it's going to be a small experience and she would like to get the schools to participate.

Mr. Fullick asked if they were up and running the second week of November, how long would the show run. Ms. Bridges replied through December. Ms. Hunter mentioned to keep in mind Holiday in the Park. Ms. Bridges understands that the location of the artwork would have to be taken into consideration to not interfere with existing City events.

Mr. Fullick asked Ms. Bridges to send the site to Ms. Hunter so that the Board could discuss further at the next meeting and asked if we would have enough materials to put it on the agenda for next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: _____

ATHENTICATED:

Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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