

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Tuesday, July 11, 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
Susan Bridges
Jennifer Perry
Joanie Licitra

Staff

Arleen Hunter

City Council Liaison

Peter O'Flinn

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

III. UPDATE ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MURAL ON 27311 OLD 41 FOR THE BONITA ESTERO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Ms. Hunter reached out to Christine Bauder from the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors, and they are willing to extend the mural for an additional two years. Ms. Bauder asked what might be the potential to possibly touch-up the mural. Ms. Hunter stated we have not extended the contract with the artist, Alicia Wilby. Chairman Fullick asked if everyone had looked at the building up close to see what condition it is? Mr. Fullick has received feedback that the mural is a little light on subject matter. Ms. Licitra suggested Board members should all stroll by it and take a look at it to have a better idea of the condition of the mural.

Chairman Fullick asked for everyone to take a look at the mural before the next meeting and that we place the item on next month's agenda.

IV. UPDATE ON THE MURAL FOR 27657 OLD 41 ROAD, 2 BLESSED – ARTIST JARRETT STINCHCOMB

Mr. Fullick stated Mr. Stinchcomb hit the ground running with his presentation at the City Council Meeting on June 21, 2017. He engaged the Council, was passionate about his work and provided Council with a remarkable level of detail.

Mr. Fullick received a call from the Naples Daily News about using one of Mr. Stinchcomb's sketches in a full length article. The Board will be able to select the sketch that is used in the article.

Ms. Hunter reported that she has spoken to the City Attorney regarding invoicing from Mr. Stinchcomb from the contract. The City Attorney advised that Mr. Stinchcomb can invoice as expenses come forward and stated there is no need to amend the contract. The City will retain a minimum of ten percent of the total project cost until the project is completed.

V. UPDATE ON THE CONCEPT DESIGN BY ARTIST ALEJANDRO NUNEZ FOR BENSONS GROCERY

Ms. Hunter reported that City Council approved the extension of the mural so the artist can move forward thereby keeping Benson's in compliance with the land development code. Additionally, Mr. Nunez will work not to exceed \$100 for supplies to clean up, power wash and put a new UV coating on the original mural.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Fullick reported that the artist, Craig Berube-Gray replaced the sculpture, "*Slices of Heaven*" with a like sculpture that is more structurally sound. There may be some issues with three edges/corners where the artist used putty instead of cement which may require repair.

Regarding the de-installation of "*Fishsticks*" at River Park, Mr. Berube-Gray removed all of the fish. Ms. Hunter reported he left the steel posts because he didn't have the equipment needed to break the concrete base apart.

The Board discussed different uses for the posts if they do have to be removed.

- YMCA may be able to use the posts for the play area for the children where they put up sun tarps for shade.
- Ms. Susan Bridges recommended speaking to Gary Price who might have a use for the posts. Mr. Fullick said he will mention it to Gary Price.
- Ms. Licitra suggested using the posts for another art project for the Art in Public Places Board. Ms. Bridges recommended artists who do kinetic pieces might use those posts. She can look into the Center of the Arts data base if there is an artist that may be interested.

Ms. Hunter stated there is a surplus process in which a determination of the dollar value of the posts would be made. Mr. Fullick asked if there is a timeline for removing the posts. Ms. Hunter said there is no timeline, but as they are unfinished looking we probably don't want to leave them too long.

The Board discussed requesting a letter of interest for artists to utilize the space where "*Fishsticks*" used to be, to utilize the posts, if not the posts would come down. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

B. BUDGET

Mr. Fullick did attend the budget meeting on July 7 and asked for a slight increase in the Art in Public Places Board budget and Councilman O'Flinn stated his support of the Board.

C. BONITA SPRINGS LIGHT FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 9 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

Ms. Bridges reported that Bonita Springs Center for the Arts is moving forward with the Bonita Springs Light Festival and was contacted by about two dozen artists who are interested in participating. The Center for the Arts would like the City to partner with them on this event. They already have six businesses in the Bonita Springs area, including the Chamber of Commerce, who would like some kind of art work on their grounds if possible. The businesses have all agreed to let the Center of the Arts to tell them what would be appropriate for their site.

Ms. Bridges explained further that it is a light festival with illuminated sculptures and artwork. Some of the artwork utilizes electricity, some are battery operated and some use special paint that absorbs sunlight and glows at night. It should be an event where people get a program and it takes them around town.

Ms. Bridges reported that there are profiles of 30 sculptures that the center of the Arts is going to utilize as samples for the area schools to take on as a project. If the schools want to take on a project, they may select one and the Center of the Arts will help them, pair the students with volunteers and faculty members if they would like. The schools have the opportunity to have the project where they are or somewhere else in the city.

Ms. Bridges talked about a project for area schools where students would construct a light maze that would be built in the Center of the Arts courtyard. The Center of the Arts will help the students with supplies, adults, brain power and labor. This project is tied to recycling. Bottles are filled with colored water and industrial light sticks. There is another project for elementary grade students where they make jelly fish painted with glow in the dark paint and string on trees. Ms. Bridges said school portion will be finalized the end of this week.

The event opens the evening of November 9 and runs through December 31, 2017. Artists that need to disassemble their pieces will do so the week after. Ms. Hunter asked how soon they need an approval by City Council for a commitment to the project. Ms. Bridges stated the August timeline would be fine. Ms. Hunter stated it could be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in September but we should identify potential locations for City Council's review.

Ms. Bridges stated that they are going to be asking not to be held liable for any damage to the art pieces or if the sculpture gets damaged or falls over and damages a city building, they will need some kind of "hold harmless" agreement.

Ms. Bridges asked if the city would be asking for any permitting fees. Ms. Hunter replied as long as they're not creating an impervious surface and its temporary in nature there should not be a required building permit. Ms. Bridges stated the artist will tell them how many watts and what kind of power is needed to illuminate the art. The Center for the Arts is having narrow trenches dug to bury the cord.

Ms. Hunter asked if the Center of the Arts will have a sample contract, if so, the City will review and possibly duplicate that contract with the artists.

D. BIPOLAR HYDRA

Mr. Fullick stated the sculpture, “*Bipolar Hydra*”, needs to go somewhere that is a little more protected, visible and accessible. Mr. Fullick would also like to see something of a more permanent nature when we relocate “*Secret Bench*”. Councilman O’Flinn stated there are plans for a bike path on the left side of Terry Street. It may be that a sculpture will work there and add a sense of place. Another example is on Beach Road, there are pocket parks that could also work. Councilman O’Flinn thinks there will be a lot of opportunity. Ms. Bridges thought if the city would share who their bike rack vendors are then some business owners may want to get similar bike racks in front of their businesses. Mr. Fullick mentioned that some of the benches at Riverside Park are falling apart, especially the benches that are along the fountain. Ms. Hunter said she would make a note to mention this to Ms. Perino. Mr. Fullick believes there are a number of businesses in town who would love to sponsor a bench.

E. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES MASTER PLAN

Mr. Fullick mentioned that the master plan was created in the Art in Public Places Board’s 2nd year and it’s a five year plan, so it may be time for an update.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2017

Ms. Licitra moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Jennifer Perry seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. APPROVE NEXT MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2017

**** Due to a conflict, the meeting was moved to Monday August 7, 2017****

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: _____

ATHENTICATED:

Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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