

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Monday, August 7, 2017, 5:15 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, Room 118
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

I. ROLL CALL

Present

Nigel Fullick
Jackie Hauserman
Joanie Licitra
Susan Bridges

Staff

Arleen Hunter

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

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

Ms. Bridges reported on behalf of Bonita Springs Center for the Arts, that the dates for the Light Festival are set and reported the following:

- Six businesses have asked to have a piece of art on their property during the festival.
- The Center for the Arts has advertised the event as follows:
 - Posted on artist sites
 - Included on the Center’s newsletter and also their E-blast.
 - Listed in a regional digital magazine that is due to go out September 1
 - Publicized in a national posting.

Ms. Bridges estimates they will end up with 15 artists. There are at least 4 or 5 artists who will join in a collaborative effort with students and faculty at one of our local schools. Ms. Bridges stated there are 18 – 20 potential projects for schools and students to choose from. The school must be in Bonita Springs.

One artist suggested a piece that could be tethered near the edge of water or on the bridge. Center of the Arts staff will research it. Mr. Fullick said he thought the Everglades Wonder Gardens may be willing to have something by the River.

Mr. Fullick asked Ms. Bridges what the Center needs from the Board. Ms. Bridges said the only thing she needs is to get approval from the City that they want to be involved and also to see if the City would donate towards the events, specifically for the schools. Ms. Bridges stated the Center for the Arts is also applying for a grant for the event and is pretty sure they’ll get it.

Ms. Hunter asked if the Board would like to recommend to City Council that this be one of APPB projects for all of the city properties so that the special events permitting can be done for

all the locations that will feature art. If the Art in Public Places Board takes on this project as a traveling show/exhibit in partnership with the Center of the Arts, it could be approved as a traveling show. They would need copies of the insurance and Ms. Hunter stated she would speak to the City Attorney regarding “hold harmless” agreements. To prepare to present to Council, Ms. Hunter recommends using the first meeting in September to talk about the programs, potential locations and recommended locations on City property. The Art in Public Places Board would specify the dollar amount for the Light Festival as a temporary traveling exhibition. Ms. Hunter asked if Ms. Bridges could do a brief presentation to Council. Ms. Hunter stated the Center of the Arts would need to work with the city to make sure all of the sculptures are compliant with the dark skies ordinance.

Ms. Hunter stated, for the presentation, be prepared with a list:

- Potential locations including any city identified locations
- Sponsorships you have at this point
- Student involvement

Ms. Bridges reported she has someone on her staff who will design the program. The Center for the Arts will host dual openings for the event at their two campuses.

The Board discussed potential locations for the art. Suggestions included:

- Middle School
- Presbyterian Church
- Hospice
- Wonder Gardens

Ms. Bridges advised, when thinking about potential locations, make sure the business/non-profit understands and agrees that the artwork will be on display on their property for 2 months, from November 9 through December 31, 2017.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion that the Art in Public Places Board would like to fund and participate in the Festival of Light event and present to Council for approval.

Ms. Licitra made a motion to participate in the Bonita Springs Light Festival event, not to exceed \$5000, Ms. Hauserman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter advised the Board to clarify that the \$5K would be used for the student projects and this should be noted in a memo as well. Ms. Hunter said it would be helpful for the Board to meet before the greensheet deadline. As soon as Council approves the event can be listed on the City website and social media. It would be better for publicity. Ms. Hunter advises all letters and support material will need to be solidified by August 28 and 29.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on the extension of the mural contract for 27311 Old 41 for the Bonita Estero Association of Realtors

The Board discussed extending the contract on the mural on the B.E.A.R. building and having the mural recoated with a UV protectant. The board will revisit in two years. The cost for the mural was \$5000.

Ms. Susan Bridges moved to extend the agreement with B.E.A.R. and the City for another two years; Ms. Joanie Licitra seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hunter reported that the agreement with the artist, Alicia Wilby, will expire on September 30, 2017, and three years of maintenance was included in the original purchase price. Ms. Hauserman said although Ms. Wilby did a wonderful job on the mural, maintenance is not her area of expertise. The Board discussed calling Mr. Nunez to take a look at the mural and get back to the Board with his recommendation. Staff will reach out to Mr. Nunez and ask him take a look at the mural for a quote and let the Board know what he thinks. The Board decided not to extend the contract for maintenance on Ms. Wilby's work.

B. Update on the mural for 27657 Old 41 Road, 2 Blessed – Artist Jarrett Stinchcomb

Mr. Fullick asked if anyone had a chance to look at the mural. Mr. Stinchcomb has had some delays due to weather but he is working as quickly as he can. The Board will monitor how the work is progressing. If there are more delays due to weather, Mr. Stinchcomb can invoice for the completed work to date for the end of this fiscal year and some of it may have to carry into the next fiscal year.

C. Update on the concept design by Artist Alejandro Nunez for Bensons Grocery

Ms. Hunter reported that they are moving along with Benson's Grocery.

D. Dean Street – Mosaic MPD Project and the Dixie Moon Cafe

Ms. Hunter reported that Community Development has heard more from the developer for the Dean Street MPD, the Mosaic project, located at the intersection of Old 41 and Dean Street. The property owner is moving back through their land development approval process, which means that we will hear soon on the decision about the final location of the Dixie Moon. Council approved it to go on the parcel where "AWAY" is currently located. There has been talk about where the building will be placed, possibly the rear of the building. The sculpture, "AWAY", may need to be moved either temporarily or permanently. Mr. Fullick stated input from City Architect, Sam Vincent, would be helpful. Mr. Fullick said it is a beautiful sculpture and he would love to see something in front of City Hall. Ms. Bridges volunteered one of the Center of the Arts campuses if the City needs a temporary location for "AWAY", while deciding where to put the sculpture. It would have to be after the Light Festival. Ms. Bridges stated we could create a plaque "on loan from the City of Bonita Springs." Ms. Hunter will keep the board informed as the development project moves forward.

E. Mural – Fire District building

Ms. Hunter reported that the mural is up on the fire district building. Board members commented that it looks fabulous. People are standing in front of the mural taking selfies. Ms. Hunter reported that the Fire Chief requested having the 9/11 ceremony at the Fire District building with the mural as a backdrop. The request has to go before the

Veterans Committee, and if it's approved, then Ms. Hunter will let the Board know so they can attend. Since 9/11 falls on a Monday, the ceremony will be in the evening. Mr. Fullick stated the Board should take pride in the fact that the mural is there, the Art in Public Places Board was instrumental as it is part of the City's mural project. It looks wonderful.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2017

The Board decided to table the approval of the minutes until next meeting so they can have a chance to read and review.

VI. APPROVE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was changed from September 12 to September 5, 2017. All committee members present were good with September 5.

Next meeting scheduled for September 5, 2017.

VII. 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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