

**Public Meeting of the
Art in Public Places Advisory Board
Monday, December 12, 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
Joanie Licitra
Joe Hemrick
Jackie Hauserman

Staff

Arleen Hunter

Absent

Jennifer Perry
Janet Flanders

II. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ARTIST COTTAGE VACANCY

Ms. Hunter reported that the contract with FGCU for Cottage # 2 has expired. Ms. Hunter shared a copy of the former RFP for the cottages and outlined the process:

- Typically the RFP is noticed 30 to 45 days
- Applications are submitted to the City Clerk's office.
- Parks and Recreation Director, Nicole Perino, will review the applications to make sure they are sufficient.
- The Art in Public Places Board will review the applications and then present their selection to City Council.

Mr. Fullick asked if the artists who expressed interest in a Cottage would be notified of the RFP. Ms. Hunter replied staff will let the artists who were interested know the RFP will be available on the City website.

Ms. Hunter explained, if the applications are received by 2 p.m. on January 25, 2018, and Ms. Perino reviews the applications to make sure they are sufficient, staff could scan and email the applications to the Board for review. The Board could meet on January 30 to review the applications. If the Board came to a decision, staff could have the item ready to go before City Council by February 7, 2018.

Ms. Hunter advised that the Board has the ability to have the applicants give an oral presentation.

Mr. Hemrick asked if it states anywhere that the artist has to occupy the cottage for "x" amount of days. Ms. Hunter said it would be specified in the contract. The Board asked about the rent; Ms. Hunter stated the rent will be reassessed by Council at the conclusion of the downtown project.

Mr. Fullick asked if it was possible to set two separate tiers, if someone is an artist, it will be “x” amount, but if it’s a commercial business then “x” amount. Is it possible to scale it? Ms. Hunter explained that this proposal is strictly for artists. There is a different process for lease of City property for business. The artists must make a commitment to be open for City events.

Mr. Fullick asked for a motion if the Board are comfortable with advertising.

Mr. Hemrick made a motion to accept the proposed RFP for the artist cottage vacancy with a closing date of January 25, 2018, at 2 p.m., Ms. Licitra seconded; motion passed unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION OF SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE

Ms. Hunter reported that last year the DeDeckers had sent a proposal to maintain all the city’s sculptures. The quote was around \$2,800 and included all the DeDecker pieces plus the bench. The DeDecker’s recommend that maintenance should be done every year. They are asking for the opportunity to come back in the spring.

Ms. Hunter will get a quote from the DeDecker’s for sculpture maintenance.

The Board discussed the sculpture *Secret Bench*. The artist originally used nail polish to paint the apple. When the original polish wore off and the apple needed to be repainted, they called the artist and she told them to use nail polish and gave them the color and the brand. Ms. Bridges had an artist from the Art League repaint the apple. When it needed to be touched up again, the DeDecker’s used a red wax suitable for bronze sculptures, some Board members were not happy with the color. Mr. Fullick recommended revisiting this topic when Ms. Bridges is present to get her input. The Board decided to wait for Ms. Bridges to discuss the apple.

Mr. Fullick asked if the artist shipped the new head for the sculpture *AWAY*. Ms. Hunter will check with Mr. Jaccarino at Parks and Rec. Mr. Fullick asked when he comes down, have him look at *FLIGHT*. It’s back up and level. Ms. Hunter will have him look at it.

Mr. Fullick stated that the plan is to relocate *BIPOLAR HYDRA* to City hall and mentioned that there is a crack in the base at the bottom. Mr. Fullick believes it may have been damaged by the wind during the hurricane which may have caused it to crack. Ms. Licitra has photographs if needed; she was there when the artist installed it. Mr. Fullick said it looks like stress cracks and they were not there when the piece was installed.

Mr. Fullick did not see any damage or issues with the *TIES THAT BIND*. Ms. Hunter said the Parks department did an inventory of the art pieces after the storm.

Ms. Hunter sent an email to the Florida Association of Public Art professionals and received three responses from other jurisdictions, Tampa, Jacksonville and Orlando. Mr. Fullick recommended Fort Lauderdale because they have similar parks and sculpture locations. Mr. Fullick will provide a contact.

IV. UPDATE ON MURALS: A. 2-BLESSED

Ms. Hunter spoke to Mr. Stinchcomb today and he reported that he is on the final panel and his goal is to be done by Christmas. Mr. Stinchcomb needs the perfect weather for the clear coat. It can't be raining the day before or the day after. The plan is to have the panels done by Christmas and right after Christmas he will put the clear coat on. Mr. Fullick said if you haven't had a chance, make a point to stop by.

Mr. Stinchcomb asked about the unveiling and what would occur. Ms. Hunter said they would do a dedication at Celebrate Bonita, a presentation at a City Council meeting and a press release. Staff will work with the communications department on the press release. Mr. Fullick thinks a dedication at Celebrate Bonita would be good for a project this size and scope. Ms. Hunter advised that before we set a date for Mr. Stinchcomb to come to City Council, the mural must receive final approval from the Board.

B. BENSON'S GROCERY

Ms. Hunter spoke to artist Alex Nunez today and he completed the Benson's mural. Any compensation is between Benson's and Mr. Nunez. Mr. Nunez will not be sending the City an invoice for the UV coating on the old portion of Benson's that he did for the Board. Mr. Nunez UV coated both the new and old portion and wanted to give back to the City after Hurricane Irma so did not charge for UV coating the old portion. Mr. Fullick recommended recognizing Mr. Nunez at a City Council meeting.

C. B.E.A.R. BUILDING

Ms. Hunter reminded the Board that they had approved the quote for Mr. Nunez to put a new clear coat on the B.E.A.R. building mural at the last meeting. The quote was \$725 for the coating and materials. Mr. Nunez has been a little delayed, but he is going to do it.

V. FOR REVIEW

A. REVIEW OF ART IN PUBLIC PLACES MASTER PLAN ADOPTED 8/16/2006

Mr. Fullick recommended, since only four Board members were present, to table this discussion to the next meeting. Mr. Fullick asked that the Board review and come prepared with their comments at the next meeting.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 17, 2017

Note: November meeting was cancelled, did not have a quorum.

Mr. Hemrick made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Hauserman seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. APPROVE NEXT MEETING – ~~01/09/2018~~ moved to January 30, 2018

The Board approved moving the January meeting to January 30, 2018, so they could review the Artist Cottage vacancy RFP submissions.

Item for agenda for next meeting:

- Master Plan
- Utility Boxes
- New location for *BIPOLAR HYDRA*. Mr. Fullick would like to see the sculpture moved to city hall. Mr. Fullick would like to hear any other ideas the Board may have.
- Mr. Fullick asked if Staff could get the minutes to the Board in advance so they could review prior to the meeting. Ms. Hunter stated staff will provide them sooner.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED:

Date: _____

ATHENTICATED:

Nigel P. Fullick, Chairman

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