MEETING MINUTES

Public Arts Advisory Board Regular Meeting
5:00 PM; Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Taylor City Hall Auditorium

MEMBERS PRESENT: Casey Anderson, Cayla Cardiff, Bryan Richie, Janetta McCoy, and Richard Stone
MEMBERS ABSENT: Lois Duncan and Nathan Gray
STAFF PRESENT: Jan Harris, Main Street Manager
GUEST PRESENT: Gail Kahler

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM: Chairman Richard Stone opened the meeting at 5:10 pm and declared a quorum to be present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. REVIEW / DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. Approve the Minutes from the Public Arts Advisory Board meeting from June 22, 2022:
MOTION: To approve the June 22, 2022 Minutes as presented. C CARDIFF / J McCOY / UNANIMOUS

B. Receive and approve the financial report for July 2022: Jan reviewed the finance report for the board noting that in FY 22 the following categories had expenditures: Portal Project - $76.45; Public Arts Master Plan - $1,244.32; and Music on Main - $11,664.62. The FY year budget provided by Council is $10,000. To date, the PAAB has obtained $18,755 in sponsorships. After correcting the negative balance, the PAAB has $15,769.61 available.
MOTION: To receive the financial reports as presented: J McCOY / B RICHIE / UNANIMOUS

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consider lending the PAAB name to the Birdsong Art Exhibit developed by Judy Blundell: Janetta has been approached by Judy Blundell to lend the PAAB name in support of her Birdsong Exhibit which will be displayed in the McCrory-Timmerman building from August 28-December 18. No funding is requested of the PAAB for this project.
DISCUSSION: Cayla asked whether the PAAB need to have approval rights on advertising as its name is being used. Richard agreed to reach out to Judy on this matter.
MOTION: The PAAB endorses the Birdsong Art Project and grants permission for the use of the PAAB name in association with the event. C ANDERSON / B RICHIE / UNANIMOUS

B. Consider developing a Memorial to Dr. James Dickey to be built on the historical site of his home: Janetta reported that the intent is to follow artistically and architecturally the guidelines developed for the restoration. Janetta would like for the PAAB hold a more creative competition for whatever is to be built on the site of the Dr. Dickey House and to provide criteria for possible selection.
DISCUSSION: It was reported that Jennifer Harris and the Dr. Dickey Group have established a Go Fund Me account to raise money. Richard agreed with Janetta and said he wanted the PAAB to be involved and have input into whatever is finally constructed or installed on the site. Casey Anderson is in favor of paying for options in the form of a designer's or finalist's fee. That to not pay artists for their proposals would only elicit mediocre responses.
ACTION: Richard will ask for a meeting with the City of Taylor and the Dickey Group to include both he and Janetta.

Richard also noted that he had been approached by Brian LaBorde regarding painting the water tower behind Walgreens. Jan reported that she had been asked by the City Manager to contact Adam Davenport about a design. Brian had texted her a copy of a design for the water tower, and he'd asked for the PAAB's opinion. Jan passed around the design and the board responded that they were not

impressed, and they think whoever submitted it could do better. The board wants input into the final product and have the ability to critique any designs considered.
ACTION: Jan will report the board's opinions of the water tower design to the City Manager.

C. **Discussion of a possible visit by the Central Texas Philharmonic at Halloween:** Richard reported that he'd spoken with Charlotte Barbini who said the Philharmonic wanted to show the 1922 film *Nosferatu, eine Symphonie des Grauens* and have a 7-piece orchestra perform the accompanying score. He said that the cost would be $1,500 but that the funds would come from other than the PAAB. Two possible dates for this performance could be Thursday, October 28th or Sunday, October 30th.
ACTION: No further action was taken.

V. **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

A. **Public Art Master Plan**

1. **Receive the report on progress on map of existing public art in Taylor:** Jan reported that she had been provided with the story map and that only a couple of photos still needed to be added.
DISCUSSION: Casey noted that Google Maps can do walk around filming just as they do for Google Maps.

2. **Continue planning for the Public Art Input Sessions scheduled for September 27th (Library from 6-8 pm) and October 15th (Dickey-Givens Center from 2-4 pm):**
   i. What materials will be needed?
   ii. If City resources (printing, copying, etc.) are required, when will those items be provided to staff?

   Jan reported that they were 7 weeks from the September Listening Session at the Library and no promotion of the event had been created.
   ACTION: Richard, Janetta, and Cayla will meet on Thursday, August 11th at 6 pm to develop questions and shape the listening sessions and report back to the board.

B. **Portal Project:**

1. **Receive report detailing progress made with the painting of the portals:** Cayla reported that the committee has stalled over making the flyers. Cayla asked for funding to print the flyers when they are developed and also to purchase paint. The board reported that she had $423.55 in what the PAAB had originally allotted the Portal Project.

2. **Status of anti-graffiti coating on portals:** The Committee would still like to use the "cheap kind of anti-graffiti" coating which will supposedly wash off relatively easily.
ACTION: Since City Staff had advised against using anti-graffiti coatings when their advice was sought by the board, she needed to clear the change with Jim Gray and Tyler Bybee before doing anything.

3. **Update on progress with the Instagram page for PAAB &/or Portal Project:** Bryan reported that content was needed for the PAAB Instagram page.
ACTION: Richard said he would provide photographs from his files.

C. **Music on Main Concert Series update:**

1. **Receive report on committee activities for fundraising for the fall season of concerts:** Jan had provided the report on fundraising efforts during the financial report. Richard said he had credit card information from Lone Star Circle of Care.
ACTION: Richard will call Jan with the credit card information from LSCC.

2. **Receive report on the progress on for the second half of the season:** Janetta and Bryan reported that they have the lineup for the fall series: September 15 – Money Chicha ($1,500); October – Taylor Czech Choir ($350) and Czech Melody Makers ($500); and November – Honey Made ($1,500 to be confirmed).

DISCUSSION: Richard questioned whether Honey Made was a band of the caliber of Joe Posada who performed at the November 2021 concert. He had promised sponsors that they would have a band equal to Posada to secure their funding. Jan pointed out that as Chairman, he had appointed the committee to handle the Music on Main Concerts and he could not undermine their authority.

3. **Discuss and vote upon the entertainment line up and costs for the 2nd half of the 2022 season:** Janetta presented a budget for the 3 concerts. The first concert was estimated to cost $4552; October's concert was $2852; and November's concert was $3502 for a total of $10,906.
DISCUSSION: Jan questioned why the cost for banners was $700 as that was $550 more than what she spends on amphitheater banners for either the Car Show or Blackland Prairie Days. Richard again referred back to the promises he'd made to sponsors in order to obtain their donations. The banners would be identical and would wrap around the columns. The MoM logo, Bogle Winery, and Tierra Grande logos would be on the front and all of the other sponsors would be listed on the sides of the columns. Jan maintained that City staff will not allow the expenditure of so much money over what such items which will be used for a total of 9 hours over 3 months usually cost. Richard asked for a vote on the budget as presented and said that all of it did not have to be spent.
MOTION: Approve the Fall Season Music on Main budget as presented. C CARDIFF / C ANDERSON / UNANIMOUS

D. **Potter's Alley Mural Project:**

1. **Receive report detailing responses from the artists and their W-9 forms:** Jan reported that she still has not received W-9 forms from Matthew Bisacca, Cody Sigmund, or Abel Saldana.
ACTION: Richard said he would contact these three.

2. **Receive report on potential timetable for project start:** Jan reported that Public Works will not be able to paint over the existing murals with Kilz until sometime around September or October.
DISCUSSION: Richard said he wanted the Kilz painted, and the new murals painted in a week and all before the October 29th Car Show. Casey was concerned that some of the more inexperienced artists selected for this project might not be able to paint their mural in that short a time limit. Jan also cautioned that Public Works was charged with many more jobs and duties to deal with the entire city so there also may be a problem getting it done in the time Richard wants.

E. **Friends of Public Arts 501-c-3 Organization**

1. **Progress report to the board:** This item was tabled.

F. **Items for the August agenda:** No items were added.

IV. **ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 6.35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Harris

Jan Harris, Main Street Manager