
MINUTES

Public Arts Advisory Board Regular Meeting

5:00 pm July 22, 2020

Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM

Members present: Melanie Shaw, Chairman Richard Stone, Janetta McCoy, and Lois Duncan, and Bryan Richie

Members absent: Brent Humphries and Nathan Gray

Staff present: Jan Harris, Main Street Manager and Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager

Meeting called to order at 5.05 pm

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Minutes from the Public Arts Advisory Board for June 24, 2020. MOTION TO APPROVE: LOIS/BRYAN/UNANIMOUS**

IV. REVIEW /DISCUSS & CONSIDER ACTION

A. Report on Potter's Alley (Richard Stone and Jan Harris):

Richard reported that there were 3 issues:

- i. The sign for Potter's Alley – Norma Jeanne Maloney and Adam Davenport are working on the design. Had hoped to have a drawing by the meeting.
- ii. Permission for hanging signage & lighting and painting the adjacent walls – Jan has met with both Fr. Keith Koehl of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church (owns & operates the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store) and Ricardo Zuniga. Both agree with working with us on this project. Fr. Keith would like drawings/plans to show to the Church's Council for their approval. It is felt that Fr. Keith or his designee would like to be on the jury deciding what art is painted on their building. **ACTION ITEM: SET UP A MEETING WITH RICHARD, FR. KEITH, AND RICARDO.**
- iii. How can the City assist in this project?
 - a. Develop easements for (1) the attachment of the sign and the lights and (2) Mural easements for the artwork. The City Attorney would draft the easements.
 - b. Power for lights:
 1. Meet with Oncor to determine whether a transformer is already in place or must be set.
 2. If the meter must be attached to a building, then a 3rd easement will be needed for this with the affected property owner.

ACTION ITEM: ASK JIM GRAY FOR A CONTACT WITH ONCOR TO DISCUSS

TRANSFORMER (DETERMINE LOCATION AND COST)

B. Report on Virtual Art Show (Nathan Gray):

In Nathan's absence, Richard noted that we still needed to determine Renegade Studio's filming costs. Jan reported that in response to a question raised by Lois that the city could show pre-recorded films on its public access channel and on its website and FB page. Live filming can only take place in Council Chambers as the City doesn't possess the equipment to go on location. Another option is a Facebook Live event which could be shown on the City's FB page. I-Movie was also noted as a low cost and easy option. Lois offered to reach out to groups in Austin that are holding virtual events to gain insight. Bryan reported that Nathan had said the students could all be filmed on the same day and shots of the artwork could be spliced in. Another option could be to expand the concept by featuring a different artist every week with a video production.

ACTION ITEM: RICHARD WILL SPEAK WITH MARK MARTINEZ (RENEGADE) ABOUT COST TO PRODUCE THE VIDEO – IF IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE, THEN BRYAN CAN DO IT.

MOTION: MOTION TO EMPOWER RICHARD TO OBTAIN A PRICE FROM RENEGADE AND IF IT IS WITHIN OUR BUDGET TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT.

LOIS/BRYAN/UNANIMOUS.

C. Report on Empty Bowl Project (Melanie Shaw):

This project has struggled for a location due to COVID. Plans are to hold it in Potter's Alley with adequate volunteers to ensure appropriate masks and social distancing practices. Melanie reported that the group will presell tickets and hold the silent auction online. She asks the PAAB to have a prototype of the sign for the alley on display along with brochures about the PAAB, post cards with a public arts survey, and merchandise to sell.

The event is scheduled for October 10th from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Tom was asked about the chances of successfully holding the event at that date and location. He advised that the board develop guidelines to manage social distancing and post signage requiring masks. As of now, the Mayor must approve all events over 10 attendees and the board would need to show that all protocols will be in place.

ACTION ITEM: RICHARD WILL DEVELOP DRAFTS FOR THE BROCHURE AND POST CARDS FOR REVIEW AT THE AUGUST MEETING.

ACTION ITEM: BOARD MEMBERS TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR THE POST CARD SURVEY TO JAN BEFORE NEXT MEETING.

D. Report on 50/50 Skate Park (Brent Humphries):

Richard reported that the artist will paint the mural anytime now that City funds are unfrozen. The question remains of what to do around it. A large gathering is no longer an option. But a video to show online is possible.

ACTION ITEM: RICHARD WILL DISCUSS WITH BRENT.

E. Discuss items for upcoming agenda:

- i. Painting the raised concrete manhole covers along the trail system. The idea is to have citizens adopt a manhole and submit designs they would like to paint on them.
 - a. Put a call-out to the citizenry to submit designs (bumblebees, flowers, ducks, etc.) for approval
 - b. The City would prep the concrete to accept the paint.
 - c. Tackle all of the raised manholes in rounds of X per round until all are painted.
 - d. Develop a walking tour of the decorated covers.

ACTION ITEM: JAN TO LOOK INTO EAT SMART/MOVE MORE TO SEE IF THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE IN TEXAS AS THERE COULD BE FUNDING.

ACTION ITEM: DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SUITABLE RAISED MANHOLES.

- ii. Explore possibility of wrapping /painting the TxDOT boxes in downtown – especially the one at 2nd @ Main and 4th @ Main.

- iii. Update on Potter's Alley
- iv. Update on Virtual Art Show
- v. Update on Empty Bowl Project
- vi. Update on 50/50 Skate Park

V. ADJOURN: MOTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6.10 PM. LOIS/MELANIE/UNANIMOUS

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5 pm

Submitted by,



Jan Harris, CMSM – Main Street Manager