



MINUTES- Public Art Committee

May 21, 2019

The Public Art Committee of the City of Fort Myers, Florida, met in regular session at Oscar M. Corbin, Jr. City Hall 2200 Second Street, on Wednesday, May 21, 2019 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. Present were Ava Roeder, Bettye Middlebrooks, David Meo, Betty Adams, Robert Sanford, Robert Ferry, Patricia Collins and Carolyn Gora. Absent was Sharon McAllister. Also, present were Donna Lovejoy, Public Works Assistant Director, J.B. Schuetz, Parks & Beautification, Michele Jones, Parks and Beautification, and Tom Hall, Art Consultant for the City.

Betty Adams called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Michele Jones read the roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance: (Video 4:07)

Agenda Item #1: Minutes of April 16, 2019 Meeting (video 4:08)

A motion was made by Robert Sanford to approve the minutes, with a second by Ava Roeder. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: Public Art Consultant Report- Tom (video 4:09)

Tom Hall gave a monthly status report which included marketing the City's Public Artworks, Otocast, relocating Carmona Sculptures, Public Art Maintenance Plan, and the Public Art Hurricane Preparedness Plan (see attached). Donna Lovejoy discussed the recommendations of the Public Art Maintenance and Hurricane Preparedness Plan for the art pieces at the Winter Estates, and Lorelei which there is an agreement with the Fort Myers Garden Council. Ms. Lovejoy stated that the pieces at the Edison Ford Winter Estates are not part of the City's art collection, so it would be their responsibility to secure and with Lorelei she believes there is a maintenance component in the agreement, so she will send a copy to Tom Hall. Mr. Hall stated that he can reach out to them on what the recommendations are. Ms. Lovejoy said she would like the Parks Manager and Operations Manager to review the recommendations of the Hurricane Preparedness Plan before implementing them. Betty Adams asked about the Carmona Sculptures and whether there was a maintenance plan. Ms. Lovejoy said there was a maintenance plan provided when the City purchased them, and she would provide the committee with a copy. Committee members discussed the Hurricane Preparedness Plan, feasibility, and the types of materials that could be used to protect the art pieces.

Agenda Item #3: - Map of Forum- Draft of Call to Artist- Tom Hall (video 4:43)

J.B. Schuetz presented the map of Forum Park and the proposal of where the Artwork would be. Committee members discussed different locations that would be good for an art piece. Donna Lovejoy mentioned that it is still in the conceptual stage and they are still looking into what type of sport field would be best for this location. Mr. Hall asked about time frame and when decisions will be made with the concept. Ms. Lovejoy stated that it will be within the budget year which ends September 30th. Mr. Hall discussed the difference between Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposal (RFP) and that an RFQ could be put out now and not have to wait for the design of the park. Committee members discussed what has been done in the past for putting a Call for Artist out, and what the best options are for Forum Park.

A motion was made by Ava Roeder to put out a Call for Artist for an RFQ for the Forum, with a second by Patricia Collins. The motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Updates from City Liaison- Donna Lovejoy (video 5:23)

Donna Lovejoy discussed the Art and Culture Grant Reception asking committee members if they would like to continue hosting and if so, do they prefer September 2019 or May 2020. Committee members agreed that May 2020 would be best.



Donna Lovejoy discussed with committee members about a request she received from Allure about temporarily moving Brisas Sculpture somewhere within the city due to the City Pier construction that will begin within the next three months. Ms. Lovejoy stated that they offered to pay for the move but are asking for the City to maintain. Committee members discussed the options of temporarily having the sculpture at different places in the city.

Ava Roeder made a motion that Brisas could be moved with the stipulation that Jaxi pays for the move, installation, insurance and liability, and follow Carmona maintenance plan to an undisclosed location within the city for a period of one year. Robert Sanford seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 5-2.

Agenda Item #5: Conference Report- Attendees (video 5:58)

Committee members discussed the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP) Annual Conference they attended on May 8th and what they took away from attending. Ava Roeder discussed the need of hiring a Public Art Administrator that was recommended in the Master Plan. Donna Lovejoy said that if it is the wish of the committee, they should vote on it and then she could put in a budget request.

Robert Sanford made a motion that the city hire a Public Art Administrator on city staff, with a second by Patricia Collins. The motion was carried unanimously.

Committee members discussed if the funding does not get passed in adding the position of Public Art Administrator, that there should be an increase in salary for the Public Art Consultant.

David Meo made a motion to increase the Public Art Consultants Annual Budget to 30k per year, plus provide city office space, effective October 1, 2019. Robert Sanford seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-1.

Carolyn Gora made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by David Meo. Meeting adjourned at 6:39