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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, its regular meeting place in the City of Fort Myers, Florida, on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Present were: Betty Adams, Chair, presiding, Committee Members Ava Roeder, Bettye Middlebrooks, Carolyn Gora, and Sharon McAllister. Also present were Donna Lovejoy, Public Art Committee Liaison, Tom Hall, Art Consultant, Grant W. Alley, City Attorney, and Lily Baker, Fiscal Coordinator. Absent: Committee Members Robert Sanford, Patricia Collins, David Meo and Robert Ferry.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG AND ROLL CALL

Chair Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a roll call was taken by Ms. Baker.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting

MOTION: Committee Member Gora moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting; seconded by Committee Member Middlebrooks; motion carried 5-0.

2. Workshop to present Carmona Sculpture project to City Council

Ms. Lovejoy stated she will coordinate to find an appropriate date and time for a City Council Workshop to present the Carmona Sculpture project. The Workshop will allow the Committee to clarify their position and elaborate on the goals to accomplish.

Committee Member McAllister recommended the Committee provide Council a recommendation of the sculpture pieces and locations per Ward.

3. Sites for Carmona sculptures within all six of the City's wards

Mr. Hall provided a brief recap of the Carmona sculptures within all six (6) of the City's wards. He noted that he has reached out to the property owner of the Royal Palm Square regarding relocating three (3) sculptures using the art hub concept. The property owner is in favor of the initiative and is waiting to discuss with Will Prather, Broadway Palm Theatre, having the sculptures in front of the theatre.

Liston Bochette III, Councilman, promised Ena En La Plaza (Ribbon Routine) to the Collaboratory, however, Florida Repertory Theatre has also expressed an interest in Ribbon Routine because its subject is a dancer. Mr. Hall stated that he has met with Kim Williams at the Collaboratory and she has stated they would be willing to accommodate Florida Repertory Theatre and accept Faena En La Plaza (Unicycle Juggler). Ms. Williams indicated placing the selected piece on the north west corner of the building between the parking lot of the Collaboratory and the Fire Station.

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Two (2) pieces have been discussed to be placed at Roberto Clemente Park and Al Galope (The Horse) has been designated to go to Billy Bowlegs Park. Mr. Hall stated that Councilperson Streets has requested to relocate Juego de Ajedrez (The Chess Players) and Juego de Domino (Domino Players) to the community park that is located behind McCollum Hall.

Mr. Hall explained that the STARS Complex was identified in the Master Plan as a location for Public Art and once the renovations are complete there is a possibility for three (3) pieces to be relocated to the site. He suggested that Forum Park may be an appropriate site for the Ward 6 designated pieces. Ms. Lovejoy noted that the wide median along Forum Boulevard may be another location to keep in mind for Ward 6. She suggested that a map be created to illustrate the recommended sites and pieces for each ward to provide the Council at the workshop.

4. Artworks uploaded to Otocast in the last 30 days and discussion on works that still need to be added

Mr. Hall gave a brief update to the Committee on the Otocast roll-out. He presented and discussed the status of each artwork and stated that by the next Public Art Committee meeting most of the audio recordings will be completed. He noted that the Master Plan calls for this initial roll-out to be finalized by the end of September 2019 and feels confident the project will be accomplished in time.

5. Call to Artists for \$50,000 artwork to be installed in new park in the Forum at Ward 6 and whether to use Submittals.com instead of Café

Mr. Hall stated that the timing of when to issue the Call to Artists is reliant on the finalization of the final footprint of the Forum Park. Ms. Lovejoy stated that once finalized, it will be presented at a Ward 6 meeting.

Mr. Hall inquired if the Committee would like to continue with Café or switch to submittals.com when the Call to Artists is ready to be issued. Committee Member McAllister suggested examining the audience size for café versus submittal.com.

Mr. Hall noted that were no additional changes made to the Call to Artists for the Forum project and that the Committee agreed to follow the typical format that mimicked the Call to Artists that was issued for Marks & Brands and What Dreams May Fly and How They Fly.

6. Call to Artists for 2020 exhibit at Southwest Florida International Airport that asks participating artists to depict how the public interacts with Southwest Florida's public artworks

Mr. Hall stated that the Alliance for the Arts has a relationship with the Lee County Port Authority to curate art shows in the terminals of the Southwest Florida International Airport. Mr. Hall stated that he approached Lydia Black, Alliance for the Arts, to propose having Public Art make an appearance at the airport to demonstrate the vibrant Public Art presence in Southwest Florida area. Mr. Hall mentioned that Ms. Black was receptive to

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the idea of a show that documents how the public interacts with artwork in Southwest Florida. Discussion ensued amongst the Committee members regarding size of the proposed art, the locations at the airport that would be the most impactful, and the current process the Alliance follows when recruiting for pieces at the terminal.

7. Public Art Consultant – Contract Renewal

Ms. Lovejoy stated that the contract for the Public Art Consultant expired in June. She noted that should the Committee choose to approve the renewal, this action would finalize the second and final option to renew under this contract.

Committee Member Middlebrooks inquired on the contract amount. Ms. Lovejoy stated that the Budget that was adopted for FY 2018- 2019 included the \$20,000 contract for the Public Art Consultant. She noted that a budget request to increase the amount for the FY 2019-2020 was submitted.

City Attorney Alley stated the Committee can consider the contract with a base amount of \$20,000 up to a specific amount, contingent on the final budget amount that is adopted. Discussion ensued regarding amending the scope of services and if the services should be a cohesive summation versus a detailed list.

MOTION: Committee Member Gora moved to approve the second and final option renewal of the Public Art Consultant contract, for FY 2019-2020, in the amount of \$20,000, up to \$30,000, contingent on the final budget adoption amount; seconded by Committee Member Middlebrooks; motion carried 5-0.

Committee Member Comments

Committee Member Gora praised Mr. Hall's Annual Presentation and Budget presentation to the City Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Committee Member Gora, seconded by Committee Member Roeder to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.