

MINUTES – PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

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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, August 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Present were: Betty Adams, Chair, presiding, Committee Members Ava Roeder, Robert Sanford, Robert Ferry, and David Meo. Also present were Donna Lovejoy, Public Art Committee Liaison, JB Schuetz, Parks & Beautification Manager, Tom Hall, Art Consultant, Grant W. Alley, City Attorney, and Lily Baker, Fiscal Coordinator. Absent: Committee Members Bettye Middlebrooks, Carolyn Gora, Sharon McAllister, and Patricia Collins.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m. *Committee Member Meo arrived at the meeting at 4:31 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 July 16, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting

MOTION: Committee Member Ferry moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting; seconded by Committee Member Roeder; motion carried 4-0. Committee Member Meo arrived at the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

2. Informational: Otocast Ad on the playbills for the theater shows

Mr. Hall presented an advertisement that the Alliance for the Arts has prepared and will be including on their playbills for their theater productions. It is designed to inform the public of the free phone app, Otocast, and shares information about our public art purpose. Mr. Hall stated that he would like to include a similar ad in the playbills for each of the major theater companies that serve Fort Myers and Lee County.

Committee Member Roeder suggested to include this information in locations where the public is researching the City of Fort Myers, such as, the River District Alliance and the Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Hall discussed his upcoming speaking engagement at the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau where he will discuss the Public Art collection and the newly implemented Otocast feature.

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Ms. Lovejoy noted that once all the pieces have been completed on Otocast, a memo will go out to the Council from the City Manager and a press release will be released.

3. Informational: The Community Impact Grant of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation

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Mr. Hall discussed the Community Impact Grant of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. He informed the Committee that he has applied for a \$20,000 grant under the Arts & Culture subset. If awarded, \$10,000.00 will be allocated to relocate the Edgardo Carmona pieces, \$9,000.00 will be used for the concrete pads the sculptures will sit on, including hurricane straps to securely strap down during inclement weather, and \$1,000 used to adding recordings, text, and photos to Otocast of the 23 Carmona pieces.

4. Maintenance Plan for City of Fort Myers Public Art pieces

Mr. Hall informed the Committee of his initiative to create a maintenance plan for all the City of Fort Myers public art pieces, as anticipated by the Public Art Annual Plan. The binder would include details such as, the date and type of maintenance that should occur, the history of the maintenance performed, the materials of the sculpture to include paint numbers, and the original contract that includes any specifications from the artist. The goal is to create a digital and hard copy file so as the collection continues to grow, the City will have extensive detailed documentation.

Committee Member Roeder inquired on the status of the Carmona sculpture relocation project. Ms. Lovejoy stated that she has discussed this with the City Manager, and he has determined it best to have the Committee propose the locations and present to the Council through a workshop or memo requesting their input. Discussion ensued regarding the remaining sculptures that have not been allocated and the process of requesting placement of sculptures on Lee County property.

Committee Member Ferry suggested to look at other possible locations to consider for Ward 6 with more visibility, rather than The Forum. Mr. Schuetz noted two corner locations that the City owns as possible relocation sites. Mr. Schuetz will provide a map to the Committee for their review.

5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Adams requested to hold the election of Chair and Vice Chair at the September 17, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting, as many of the Committee Members were not in attendance. City Attorney Alley clarified the election process and stated that it is acceptable to table this item until the next meeting.

Committee Member Roeder requested to be reappointed to the Public Art Committee as an alternate member and Committee Member Gora be reappointed as a permanent member.

MOTION: Committee Member Meo moved to table the Election of Chair and Vice Chair, to the September 17, 2019 Public Art Committee, Oscar M. Corbin Jr. City Hall, 2200 Second Street, its regular meeting place in the City of Fort Myers, Florida, at 4:00 p.m.; seconded by Committee Member Sanford; motion carried 5-0.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Committee Member Sanford, seconded by Committee Member Meo to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m.