

## **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, September 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Present were: Betty Adams, Chair, presiding, Committee Members, Bettye Middlebrooks, Carolyn Gora, Sharon McAllister, Patricia Collins, 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 Ava Roeder.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 4:04 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.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Adams asked if anyone from the public would like to speak; there being none, she moved onto the Regular Agenda Items.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

The oath of office was administered to Carolyn Gora by Gwen Carlisle, City Clerk.

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

1. Minutes of the August 20, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting

***MOTION: Committee Member Sanford moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 Public Art Committee meeting; seconded by Committee Member Meo; motion carried 7-0.***

2. Informational: Café vs. Submittable

The City of Fort Myers has exhausted the three (3) call to artists that were purchased through Café and to issuing any future calls, Committee Member McAllister has requested to gather information on the number of active artists with both Café and Submittable. Ms. Baker presented the information requested by Committee Member McAllister. Submittable has an active “creative” audience of 600,000 and offers an annual subscription for Call to Artists. Café has an active artist audience of over 160,000 and a price of \$525.00 per call. Discussion ensued regarding the benefit to commit to an annual subscription when the City has issued three (3) calls in the last 10 years.

***MOTION: Committee Member Meo moved to continue the association with Café for future Call to Artist needs; seconded by Committee Member Sanford; motion carried 7-0.***

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### 3. Edgardo Carmona Sculptures – relocation project

Mr. Hall discussed the relocation project for the Edgardo Carmona sculpture pieces and stated that he will work with Ms. Baker to provide all the locations that have currently been selected with their respective sculpture piece, along with the list of pieces that have not been allocated for the Committee's review and site recommendation. Final recommendations will be transferred to a map and provided to City Council for their review and approval.

Mr. Hall discussed the Community Impact Grant of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation that he has applied for. 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.

### **Chair Comments**

Chair Adams expressed her gratitude to the Committee for allowing her to be Chair of the Public Art Committee for the last two years.

### 4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Acting Chair Adams asked for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

**MOTION: Committee Member Sanford moved to open the floor for nominations; seconded by Committee Member Gora; motion carried: 7-0.**

**MOTION: Committee Member Sanford moved to the nominate Committee Member Gora for Chair, seconded by Committee Member Meo. Acting Chair Adams closed the nominations for Chair; motion carried: 7-0.**

**MOTION: Committee Member Gora moved to nominate Committee Member Ferry for Vice Chair, seconded by Committee Member Sanford; Acting Chair Adams closed the nominations for Vice Chair; motion carried: 7-0.**

### **Committee Comments**

Committee Member Gora inquired on the City of Fort Myers Arts & Culture Grants. Ms. Lovejoy informed the Committee that the Southwest Florida Community Foundation will no longer be administering the grant process as they are focusing on other efforts at this time. The City is currently evaluating options on the administration of the Arts & Culture grants and Ms. Lovejoy stated if any Committee Members had recommendations to please bring them to her attention.

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### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Committee Member Meo, seconded by Committee Member Sanford to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.