

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 7, 2017
CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: David Faux (Acting Chair), Lisa Ailshie, Cathy Carlyle, Jess Calhoun, Angie DeWaard, Tim Folger, Claire Kruesel, Bill LaGrange, Olivia Madison (Secretary), Paola Sepulveda, and Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Kerry Dixon (Chair), Heather Johnson, Kevin Freeley, Mary Ann Lundy, and Kevin Stow

Guest: Pat Brown (State Farm, Agent, Ames, IA)

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair David Faux at 12:05 PM

A. Approval of April 2017 minutes

Minutes were approved unanimously.

B. Treasurers Report

Bob Kindred reported that all commission expenses committed or made are final at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2017. Budgeted or additional expected expenses may be requested to be rolled over to the FY2017/2018 budget.

C. Public Forum: Guest, Pat Brown: Presentation/discussion for South Duff/Squaw Creek Bank Improvements was considered as Old Business

D. Old Business

1. South Duff, Squaw Creek Bank Improvements. Pat Brown reported on the progress on developing the South Duff/Squaw Creek bank improvements. She emphasized that the project represents a new community building effort and an opportunity to create an enhanced opening corridor to Ames. She mentioned that since the Department of Transportation (DOT) owns the medium, the DOT would represent a project partner. Jim Mason is developing an art and stone-landscaping plan. The Ames Foundation has donated \$2,500 towards the project. Pat is planning an installation event in October for the sculpture she purchased and looks forward to the City of Ames considering contributing future artwork. Future PAC discussions will include:

- Issue of insurance – Bob Kindred will look into options
- Defining business areas as potential neighborhoods and therefore part of the neighbor art program.
- Decision-making process for city purchase of artwork

2. Otocast Ap. Paola Sepulveda reported that the Otocast Ap for AAOSE went live on Friday. Discussion included whether it has a public voting capacity that could be used to augment or compliment paper-based voting such as Best in Show for AAOSE. Voting process procedures will be discussed at the July meeting.

3. Placement of Airport Sculptures. No Report

4. Change on Your Dollar, Item 207-1011 (Exhibit A). Madison (on behalf of the Collections Management Committee) moved that Change on Your Dollar be deaccessioned due to

significant damage to its base. She shared a photo of the current sculpture. The motion passed with a vote of 10 Yes to 1 No. Discussion then centered on the required options related to deaccession decisions. According to the deaccessioning policy (p. 2), the recommendation to the City Council should include one of these three options:

- *Exchanged for another object meeting the criterion of the City of Ames Purchasing Policies and Procedures. Exchanges shall be with other reputable organizations (city, museum or private businesses, with preference given to scholarly or cultural organizations rather than commercial entities).*
- *Sold at public auction or to a reputable buyer in a public sale. If disposal is by sale, preference may be given to a public auction. It is the Commission's intent that, subject to City Council budgetary approval, if the object is sold, the monies should be used to acquire future objects that meet the purposes and goals of the Commission or for conservation of the City of Ames' existing collections.*
- *If an object has seriously deteriorated or been irreparably damaged, it may be deaccessioned from the collections and destroyed beyond recognition.*

If any PAC member wishes to view the sculpture before the July PAC meeting, please contact Joshua Thompson, Parks and Recreation. This full deaccession recommendation to the City Council will be discussed at the July PAC meeting.

5. **Flo by Dave Johnson, Item 70-1011 (Exhibit B) – Placement.** Flo was previously installed at the Ames Animal Shelter. Olivia shared a photograph of the current sculpture. She requested that PAC consider and recommend a new location. It needs to be a viewing location rather than locations such parks, etc. Tim Folger mentioned a potential site on North Dakota Avenue where the former water tower was sited. There is another sculpture located on this site – Window on a Blue Garden (Item 95-0607).

E. New Business

1. **Summer Festival Dates.** The Farmers Market PAC booth will be in August, Reiman Gardens' Garden Art Fair on July 9, and Octagon Art Festival on September 24.
2. **Bouquet, Item 93-0607 (Exhibit A) – Deaccession.** Olivia (on behalf of the Collection Management Committee) moved that Bouquet be deaccessioned for disposal due to its damaged state. She shared a photograph of the current sculpture. The motion was approved unanimously for forwarding to the Ames City Council for its decision.

F. PAC Committees and Liaison Reports

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison and Tim Folger):** Tim reported that Jo Meyers Walker has agreed to assist in repairing Crawford Artist in Residence Project (Item 73-0102) if a new case is constructed. The piece was originally located in the Crawford School Library.
2. **Outreach (David Faux and Heather Johnson):** Included in business item discussions.
3. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda):** Art Walk was successful with the brochure very handy. The PAC table was located by the piano. Unfortunately Balance was not installed – anticipated installation is June 5. Voting for Best in Show is in progress. Suggestions for signage options include plexiglas holders for descriptive information and QRs

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred)

Bob reported that Cathy Gersema (after 12 years of service) has officially retired. Two new staff have been hired to replace her – Kathy and Stacy. The orange and purple dragons have not yet been installed by the City Hall.

H. Adjournment

David Faux adjourned the meeting at 1:47 pm

Note: Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, July 5 at 12:00 pm in Room 135 of City Hall.

Olivia Madison, Secretary