

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – JULY 5, 2017
CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: Kerry Dixon (Chair), Lisa Ailshie, Cathy Carlyle, Angie DeWaard, David Faux, Tim Folger, Heather Johnson, Claire Kruesel, Bill LaGrange, Mary Ann Lundy, Olivia Madison (Secretary), Paola Sepulveda, Kevin Stow, and Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison)

Absent: Kevin Freeley

Guests: Pat Brown, Jim Mason, and Elliot Johnson (guest of Heather Johnson)

Meeting called to order by Kerry Dixon at 12:04 PM

A. Approval of June 7, 2017 minutes

Minutes were approved unanimously with corrections to attendance: Heather Johnson was absent and Angie DeWaard (new member replacing Jess Calhoun) was present.

B. Treasurers Report. No Change

C. Public Forum. None

D. Old Business

1. Placement of Airport Sculpture. No update.

2. Change On Your Dollar (Item 107-111). Olivia Madison moved and Mary Ann Lundy seconded to deaccession Change On Your Dollar for demolition due to significant damage to the base. Discussion included a description of city policies regarding city property and where there area differences for city artwork (including that it may not be included in public sales and that artwork cannot be returned to original artist), liability issues, and definition of destruction beyond recognition. Bob Kindred will share a sample of the city notification clause sent to artists. The motion passed unanimously. Kerry will forward the recommendation to the Ames City Council for final decision.

3. Flo (Item 70-0102) by Dave Johnson – Placement. One location option identified by Tim Folger is the Corner of Delaware/North Dakota, where there is a painted steel sculpture (Window on a Blue Garden – Item 95-0607). Bill LaGrange and she will take some photographs of this artwork and location for the next PAC meeting. Discussion on placement options for Flo will continue.

4. South Duff, Squaw Creek Bank Improvements (Pat Brown and Jim Mason). Pat Brown updated the committee on current and potential discussions with other entities (e.g., City Council members and Department of Transportation staff). Jim Mason described his long-term interest and support for this project and shared some of his conceptual landscape plans that could include potential artwork and landscaping features.

E. New Business

1. Discussion on Defining Business Areas as Neighborhoods. Based upon discussion, the Commission concluded that a wide variety of business locations and areas have been historically included within the city art program. Olivia suggested, and it was agreed, that rather than formally defining what neighborhoods are, that we should include a broad range of inclusive options within our publicity and outreach program materials to help inform the public.

E. New Business (continued)

- 2. Discuss date for August Farmer's Market.** Paolo Sepulveda will get in touch with her Main Street contact to schedule the August date for staff a PAC booth (potentially August 19 or 26).

F. PAC Committees and Liaison Reports

- 1. Collection Management (Olivia Madison and Tim Folger, Co-Chairs).** Tim reported that the reframing of several pieces is completed, and the committee will discuss alternatives for hanging them. The committee is planning to tour all city buildings to view where current artwork is located and potential locations for current/new art. Kevin Stow reported that he recently received concern from an Ames resident over the physical state of a neighborhood art installation. He will refer the concern to the Collections Management Committee. After the meeting Claire Kruesel volunteered to join the committee – the committee now includes Olivia, Tim, Bill, and Claire.
- 2. Outreach (David Faux and Heather Johnson, Co-Chairs).** Neighborhood sculpture installations are in process.
- 3. Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda).** Paola reported that Balance has been installed outside the Ames Public Library, and she is finalizing our Otocast welcome script. Voting for Best in Show is in progress. Discussion followed on voting practices and options using paper ballots and our Otocast site survey tool. The Commission agreed that anyone can vote as many times as wanted using individual paper ballots and/or the Otocast survey tool. An important goal is increasing enthusiasm/support for public art. We now have the Plexiglas display easels for use at PAC booths.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred)

No report.

H. For the Good of the Order

- 1. July 9, Reiman Garden Art Fair.** All time slots are filled.
- 2. August, Ames Farmers' Market.** Assume August 19 or August 26.
- 3. September 24, Octagon Art Festival.** Set up time will be 9:00 am – the event is scheduled for 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

I. Adjournment

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 1:10 pm

Note: Next PAC meeting is Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 12:00 pm in Room 135 of City Hall.

Olivia Madison, Secretary