

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 4, 2017
BIG BLUESTEM SHELTER, MOORE MEMORIAL PARK**

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, and Kevin Stow

Absent: Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison)

Guest: Keith Abraham, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Ames

Kerry Dixon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM, with a picnic luncheon from the Café Restaurant. She reported that at its October 10, 2017 meeting, the Ames City Council would consider the appointment of Sara Sherman to fill the unexpired term of office of Kevin Freeley (his term expires on April 1, 2019). She also reported that, as Chair of PAC, she attended a meeting with a delegation of civic leaders from Manhattan, Kansas visiting Ames. The visit was sponsored through the Ames Chamber of Commerce’s annual program for Inter-City visits.

A. Approval of September 6, 2017 Minutes

The September 6th draft minutes were approved with the following two corrections:

- Revise Lisa Ailshie as present
- Correct the following name under D.3 from Ronnie Nedeman to Ronnie Lindeman.

B. Treasurers Report

Kerry reported that the PAC carry-over fund request would be considered at the Ames City Council Meeting on October 10, 2017.

C. Public Forum. None

D. Old Business

1. **Timeswept Installation (Item 132-1516).** “Timeswept” is now installed on the Ames Airport grounds close to the public entrance.
2. **Flo (Item 70-0102) by Dave Johnson – Placement.** No update.
3. **South Duff Squaw Creek Bank Improvements.** No update
4. **Window on a Blue Garden (Item 95-0607).** No update.

E. PAC Committees and Liaison Reports

1. **Outreach (Heather Johnson & David Faux, Co-Chairs).** “Letting Go” by Judd Nelson won Best in Show.

F. New Business

1. **Power Tennis (118-1213).** Kerry briefly reported on the recently damaged Power Tennis (consisting of 4 over life size aluminum figures) located at the Ames Intermodal Facility. The vandalism took place on the evening of September 27. PAC will work with University Museums on necessary repair work and the City of Ames regarding insurance. Kerry will clarify the coverage dollar value of the city insurance policy for artwork.

2. **Discussion with Parks and Rec Staff on Partnerships for Art in the Parks.** Olivia Madison provided a list of all PAC-based art works currently installed in city parks, and Keith Abraham, Director of Parks and Recreation, described the varying types of city parks. A lively informational discussion followed.

Major topics regarding existing/potential art installations and other park concerns including:

- Consideration of safety, upkeep, needs of varying access related to disabilities/physical limitations, potential vandalism, and impact of routine authorized prairie burns (i.e., Moore Memorial Park and other parks);
- Specific park designs and neighborhood interests (e.g., Ada Hayden); and
- Future major plans and potential initiatives of Parks and Recreation.

Keith expressed clear interest in potential future joint initiatives, and it was agreed that any future park-related art installations/projects would need joint participation, input, and approval. One potential project discussed was a future birdhouse contest for Moore Park suggested by Olivia. PAC members continued the discussion with a variety of ideas, including broadly defined and expansive community partnerships. Other potential projects included a sculpture garden, a children's memorial (perhaps installed by the Moore Park pond), and an anchored boat concept for the Furman Aquatics Center.

PAC will continue discussion of potential park-based art projects or initiatives as part of future agendas and keep in close contact with Parks and Recreation regarding specific projects of interest.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred). No report.

H. For the Good of the Order

Next PAC meeting is November 1, 2017 at 12:00 noon, 135 Ames City Hall. Olivia was thanked for arranging the picnic meeting.

I. Adjournment

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Submitted by
Olivia Madison, PAC Secretary