

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES  
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2017  
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

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

**Absent:** Claire Kruesel and Paola Sepulveda

**Guest(s):** None

Kerry Dixon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Kerry introduced Sara Sherman, the newly appointed member, followed by introductions by the commission members.

**A. Approval of October 4, 2017 Minutes**

Mary Ann Lundy moved and Kevin Stow seconded that the October 4, draft minutes be approved. The minutes were approved.

**B. Treasurers Report**

Kerry reported that the City Council approved the PAC request for carry-over funds. Bob Kindred and she noted that the city's self-funded property insurance covers all city property, including public art installations, with per item maximum coverage of \$25,000.

**C. Public Forum.** None

**D. Old Business**

- 1. Flo (Item 70-0102) – Placement.** PAC agreed to temporarily install Flo downtown at the east side of the First National Bank, and include it in the upcoming Neighborhood Sculpture application brochure and publicity. Bob will arrange for the downtown installation with no additional charge because Flo is city property.
- 2. South Duff Squaw Creek Bank Improvements.** Kerry reported that Pat Brown is working with Jim Mason on a quiet funding campaign, and is aiming for a public resumption of the project next spring.
- 3. Window on a Blue Garden (Item 95-0607).** PAC agreed to formally request the artist, Tom Newport, to repair the sculpture. Olivia Madison will contact Mr. Newport to inform him that Bob Kindred will contact him to arrange for transportation and repair work.
- 4. Power Tennis (118-1213).** No updates on repair to Power Tennis.

**E. New Business**

- 1. Art in the City Park Project Ideas.** PAC appointed a subcommittee to explore ideas and recommend projects based on a multi-faceted birdhouse concept based on discussion at the October meeting and today's meeting. Heather Johnson and Olivia agreed to serve as co-chairs, and Bill LaGrange and David Faux volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Expected timeline would include Spring 2019 installations.
- 2. Recap of Summer Festival Activities.** Kelly thanked PAC members for their assistance and support of the successively completed summer festival activities.

3. **The Trogdors – Placement of the Dragon Sculptures.** PAC agreed with the recommendation from Parks and Recreation for an alternative placement on City Hall grounds for the dragon sculptures (Orange – Item 86-0304 and Purple – Item 123-1314).
4. **“Keep Off the Artwork” Signage.** Given past and potential damage to the dragon sculptures and other artwork as well as concern by City Risk Management, various options were discussed to encourage respect for public art and respond to safety concerns.
  - Signage stating “Do Not Climb On” and “Art Is Not a Playground. “ and/or signage providing narratives about the purpose of and respect/care for public art.
  - Landscaping options that might help better define parameter space, including installing higher pedestals with diameters more closely matching the sculptures, grass height differentials, etc. Kerry will discuss options with city landscaping staff.

**F. PAC Committees and Liaison Reports**

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison and Tim Folger, Co-Chairs).** No Report
2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda).** Paola is continuing to work on revisions to Otocast. The AAOSE press release is being worked on.
3. **Outreach (Heather Johnson & David Faux, Co-Chairs).**  
Neighborhood Sculpture. Flo will be included in the upcoming publicity of available sculptures for the neighborhood installations. Applications are due December 15. Stacy Craven will contact the artists to see if any of their sculptures have been sold. Mary Ann volunteered to draft a time frame for the Neighborhood Art Program to assist both Outreach and Public Relations.

**G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred).** Topics covered under agenda topics.

**H. For the Good of the Order**

Next PAC Meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2017 at 12:00 noon, 135 Ames City Hall.

**I. Adjournment**

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 12:49 pm.

Submitted by  
Olivia Madison, PAC Secretary