

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – December 6, 2017
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: Kerry Dixon (Chair), Cathy Carlyle, David Faux, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Claire Kruesel, Bill LaGrange, Mary Ann Lundy, Olivia Madison (Secretary), Paola Sepulveda, Sara Sherman, and Kevin Stow

Absent: Lisa Ailshie, Angie DeWaard, Tim Folger and Heather Johnson

Guest: Pat Brown

Kerry Dixon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. The agenda was amended to include a preliminary FY19 budget discussion under New Business.

A. Approval of November 1, 2017 Minutes

Bill LaGrange moved and Mary Ann Lundy seconded that the November 1 draft minutes be approved. The minutes were approved with a correction of Paola Sepulveda's first name.

B. Treasurers Report

Kerry reported that the PAC January agenda will include the preliminary 2019 PAC budget. The November FY18 budget financial report was included as an agenda document.

C. Public Forum. None

D. Old Business

- 1. Flo (Item 70-0102) – Placement.** Flo's sign will include the option for 'adoption'.
- 2. South Duff Squaw Creek Bank Improvements.** Pat Brown proposed a minor clarification change to the city code that would specifically include business property options for public art installations. She recommended a PAC budget earmark of \$5,000 for potential expenses, which would fund pad installations for Day Blind Stars and any other sculpture installed at this site as well as any potential city purchase for this site. Pat concluded that she is hoping to attract additional business partners for the project.
- 3. Window on a Blue Garden (Item 95-0607).** Bob Kindred reported that Tom Newport picked up the Window on a Blue Garden for repair on Thursday, November 30. Olivia Madison returned to our past discussion on its location options when the repair is completed. If the sculpture is returned to its current location, she mentioned that one option (with a possible neighborhood improvement grant) would be to keep the same location but make it more inviting with at least one additional sculpture with viewing benches and an identifiable pathway to the installation site. David Faux will talk with the neighborhood contact, Ronnie Lindeman, to get her feedback on our discussion. Also, discussion with Parks and Recreation would be necessary for this type of landscaping and installation.
- 4. Power Tennis (118-1213).** Kerry reported that ISU is taking down the damaged statue for professional repair. The bent legs will need to be rebuilt and broken welding repaired. ISU Facilities Department will build the necessary crate(s) for shipping and arrange for transportation to New York.
- 5. Water Treatment Plant.** Bob reported that the Treatment Plant has purchased four artwork pieces for public installation, and noted that they are not considered part of the formal city art collection that PAC is responsible for. Olivia brought up a brief discussion over the definition of public city art

and whether there is interest in publically identifying permanent public city art beyond what PAC is responsible for. Other locations include the Ames Public Library and Mary Greeley Medical Center. Future discussion could include Cathy Carlyle's concept of a designing a public walking tour of all City of Ames art (e.g., "Art Treasures of the City").

E. New Business

1. **FY19 PAC Budget.** Kerry reminded PAC that at our January meeting, we will discuss and approve a preliminary FY19 Budget for City Council approval.

F. PAC Committees and Liaison Reports

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison and Tim Folger, Co-Chairs).** The committee will discuss new locations or recommendation for disposal of several artwork pieces that have been removed from their previous city locations due to construction and renovation projects. The committee will meet immediately after this meeting to examine/review the artwork with Bob.
2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda).** Paola will check with Otocast regarding usage data, and the cost of maintaining the "pages" for AAOSE works that the City has now purchased and the new 2018 pieces. Currently Otocast is used for only for sculptures. Future discussion topics might include adding 2-D artwork to Otocast and/or options for other future public access tools.
3. **Outreach (Heather Johnson & David Faux, Co-Chairs).**
Neighborhood Sculpture. While PAC previously agreed to define "neighborhood" within its publicity by using examples (e.g., residential, business/commercial, etc.), Kerry recommended that we also define "neighborhood" in appropriate formal PAC documents.
AAOSE. See under Public Relations.

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

H. For the Good of the Order

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018 at 12:00 noon, 135 Ames City Hall.

I. Adjournment

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Submitted by
Olivia Madison, PAC Secretary