

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES  
MEETING MINUTES – 1/2/2019  
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

**Present:** Erica Briest, Matthew Corones, Kerry Dixon (acting Chair for 1/3/19 meeting), Angie DeWaard, David Faux, Tasheik Kerr (City Liaison), Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Olivia Madison, Paola Sepulveda, Sara Sherman, Kevin Stow, and James Surber

**Absent:** Heather Johnson (Chair), Cathy Carlyle, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison)

Kerry, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03.

**A. Approval of December 2018 Minutes**

James moved and Erica seconded to approve the 12/05/2018 minutes. The minutes were approved with this correction: “medium” changed to “median” under “Old Business.”

**B. Treasurer’s Report**

David Faux, Treasurer, reported that everything is in order for the Birdhouse Project. He will send out an email with details once finalized.

**C. Public Forum**

N/A

**D. Old Business**

1. **Flo (Collection Item 70-0102) – Placement.** Olivia confirmed that Flo will eventually be placed in the South Duff area (perhaps a median).
2. **South Duff Squaw Creek Bank Improvements** – The project continues to await business district action.
3. **Window on a Blue Garden (collection item #95-0607)** – This sculpture will be reinstalled.
4. **Wild Flowers (collection item #101-0910)** – Kerry is waiting for the College of Design faculty contact to return from winter break.
5. **Art in the Parks Birdhouse Project**
  - Kerry reported that website is live:  
<https://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-a-h/city-clerk/boards-commissions/public-art-commission/bird-house-competition>
  - Angie is working with school contacts (1 birdhouse per classroom, K-5 range, public schools; other interested schools should contact [publicartcommission@cityofames.org](mailto:publicartcommission@cityofames.org))
  - Kerry reported that donated cypress is available for interested parties.
  - Publicity: Susan is working on a press release, and there will be information included in the Spring Parks and Rec publication and City of Ames utility bills.
  - PAC is working with Keith Abraham and Joe Newman (Cemetery contact).
6. **Update on damaged public art** – Tasheik reported that insurance contact is processing request.
7. **2019 Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge** – The planning committee will start meeting soon.

**E. New Business**

1. **Budget Request** – David motioned and James seconded a flat budget request.

**F. Committee and Liaison Reports**

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison, Chair).** Olivia reported two major CM initiatives:

- a. Complete 2018 inventory
  - b. Update online management tool
    - i. Complete inventory of collection items
    - ii. Implement process for reviewing art (especially outdoor art) on a regular basis
      - 1. Kerry suggested that Olivia email Keith Abraham to see if Parks and Rec could contribute to checking on outdoor sculptures.
      - 2. David suggested creating a calendar for periodic checking of outdoor art.
      - 3. Olivia emphasized that while outdoor art is the most vulnerable to damage, 2D art also needs regular examination.
      - 4. Angie mentioned a potential online management tool.
      - 5. Paola connected GIS (Otocast) and collections management's inventory needs, suggesting the possibility of a storymap and overarching database.
- 2. Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs).** Paola highlighted the need to get storymap running before the next AAOSE launch (June).
- 3. Outreach (David Faux, Chair).**
- Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE).
    - David reported the need for a jury panel and invited suggestions.
    - AAOSE submissions are due Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Neighborhood Sculpture.
    - Sara
      - reported a new application for a neighborhood sculpture
      - will send an acknowledgment note to all applicants (including an invitation to specify a second choice, if not already indicated)
      - will schedule a meeting for the selection committee within the next month
    - David noted that assignment of in-demand sculptures could consider whether applicants have applied in the past
  - Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative. See OB-5, above.

**G. For the Good of the Order**

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on February 6 at 12 pm, 135 Ames City Hall.

**H. Adjournment**

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 12:42 pm

Submitted by  
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary