

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – 3/6/2019
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: Heather Johnson (Chair), Erica Briest, Cathy Carlyle, Mathew Corones, Kerry Dixon, Angie DeWaard, David Faux, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Tasheik Kerr (City Liaison), Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Paola Sepulveda, Sara Sherman, and James Surber

Absent: Olivia Madison (Vice-chair) and Kevin Stow

Public Forum/Guests: N/A

Heather Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02.

A. Approval of 2/6/19 Minutes

David moved and Angie seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

B. Treasurer's Report

David Faux, Treasurer, shared a document with current and budgeted items. Kerry moved, Erica seconded, and motion passed to approve reallocation of funds to purchase/install neighborhood sculptures.

C. Public Forum

N/A

D. Old Business

1. **Flo by Dave Johnson (collection item 70-0102) bank improvements (request from Neighborhood Art)--**
Kerry reported she will meet with Pat Brown next week to discuss installation.
2. **South Duff, Squaw Creek bank improvements--**Awaiting business district action.
3. **Window on a Blue Garden (collection item 95-0607) to be reinstalled—**Awaiting appropriate weather.
4. **Improbable Balance* (to be installed with Window on a Blue Garden)—**Awaiting appropriate weather.
5. **Wild Flowers (collection item 101-0910)--**Awaiting contact from artist.
6. **Art in the Parks (Birdhouse Initiative)--**
 - a. Heather reported 4 birdhouses have been dropped off and PAC is receiving inquiries/interest.
 - b. PAC anticipates submissions from AHS (received lumber from PAC) and ISU ConE class (awaiting weather limitations).
 - c. Birdhouse kits will arrive Friday; Tasheik suggested publicizing kit availability, and inquired about invoice (not yet received).
 - d. Angie and Sara offered to talk with local daycares.
 - e. SOAR will present on conservation (with Screech Owl) on April 25th 4-7pm at Octagon Community Gallery; Olivia will coordinate/provide refreshments.
 - f. Kerry is investigating judging options for Evaluation Committees; Angie will contact one of them.
 - g. Judging occurs 4/20; awards will be announced on Earth Day (4/22).
 - i. Bob suggested tying in with city's eco-fair on 4/20.
7. **Update on damaged public art—**Sara reported Blue Heron* (including fish) will be fixed by the artist.
8. **2019 Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge, planning committee --** Tedesco Learning Corridor (TLC) Park indicated interest in large-scale, AAOSE-like sculptures. PAC discussed
 - extending AAOSE to include two districts, with larger- footprint/height items at TLC.
 - possibility of seeking funding assistance from TLC.

9. **Placement of Letting Go***—PAC nears decision on a possible location; Bob suggested consulting with John Forth, who installs City public art, once weather allows.

E. New Business

1. **Placement of AAOSE 2018-19 sculptures**—Heather reported that 3 of 8 sculptures (including alternates) are no longer available, per Jackie’s reaching out to the artists. No longer available:

- Parent and Child (2016)
- Heartbeat of the Heartland II
- Succulent Bloom

PAC needs one more sculpture, and will

- provide list of three options to Jackie to investigate availability
- distribute these options to jurors for further selection

2. **Budget Reallocation**—See B above.

F. Committee and Liaison Reports

1. **Collection Management [Olivia Madison, Chair (absent)]**—Nothing to report.

2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs)**—

- a. Paola reported PAC was not billed for Otocast calendar year 2018 (per phone call with Eric F at Otocast). PAC will follow up with him.
- b. Kerry suggested updating GIS information due to recent social media interest; Paola will follow up with Ben regarding website mockups.
- c. Kerry confirmed impact of KHOI publicity of Birdhouse project.
- d. Upcoming events:
 - i. PAC is registered to Reiman Gardens Art Festival.
 - ii. Heather confirmed Octagon Festival will occur this year (Sept. 22); registration is not yet open.
 1. Kerry brought up possibility (originally suggested by Sara) that PAC sponsor an Art-Walk-concurrent sidewalk-chalk art competition in parking stalls near Octagon.
 2. PAC supports this idea and discussed aspects such as competition categories, possible awards, taping off sections, rain mitigation, time commitments, and street cleaning.

3. **Outreach (David Faux, Chair).**

- Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE). PAC discussed upcoming publicity methods.
- Neighborhood Sculpture. See above.
- Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative. See OB-6 above.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred)

- a. Bob is nearing retirement and PAC cherishes his service. 😊
 - i. One of his last official functions will be attending luncheon (see H).
 - ii. Retirement reception is 4/1.

H. For the Good of the Order

- a. City Commissions Luncheon is 3/28 at 11:30 am at the Gateway.
- b. The next PAC meeting is scheduled on April 3rd at 12 pm in 135 Ames City Hall, during which

- i. New members will be present.
 - 1. Bob reported that PAC will electronically receive updated roster.
- ii. Elections will occur.
 - 1. Available positions: Secretary, Vice-chair, Chair, Treasurer.

I. Adjournment

Heather adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.

Submitted by
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary

** Indicates need to add collection item #.*