

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – 4/3/2019
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: Heather Johnson (Chair), Erica Briest, Cathy Carlyle, Mathew Corones, Kerry Dixon, Tasheik Kerr (City Liaison), Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Olivia Madison (Vice-Chair), Paola Sepulveda, Sara Sherman, James Surber, Andrew Ward (new member 4/2019)

Absent: Penny Adam (new member 4/2019), Angie DeWaard, David Faux (leave of absence), Karen George (new member 4/2019)

Public Forum/Guests: N/A

Heather Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00. PAC members introduced themselves due to new membership.

A. Approval of 3/6/2019 Minutes

Olivia moved and Kerry seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with this correction: Corrected “Art Walk” (under F-2-d) to “Octagon Festival.”

B. Treasurer’s Report

Kerry reported City Council approval of proposed carryover and reallocation.

- PAC’s recent major expenses include award for Best in Show, birdhouse kits, and reordering shirts.
- Upcoming expenses include signage for pads.

C. Public Forum

N/A

D. Old Business

1. **“Flo” (collection item 70-0102)**—Kerry will meet with Pat Brown tomorrow regarding placement.
2. **South Duff, Squaw Creek bank improvements**—Awaiting business district action.
3. **“Window on a Blue Garden” (collection item 95-0607)**—Awaiting weather amenable to placement.
4. **“Improbable Balance” (collection item 137-1718)**—Awaiting weather amenable to placement.
5. **“Wild Flowers” (collection item 101-0910)**— Awaiting contact from artist; Kerry will pursue.
6. **Art in the Parks (Birdhouse Initiative)**—Progressing with these updates:
 - Heather reported ~ 40 birdhouses installed in Octagon window
 - Kerry has 15 birdhouses from Mitchell school
 - Mitchell will auction off birdhouses as fundraiser for their art program.
 - Cathy suggested PAC circulate press release (PR contact: Susan Gwiasda).
 - Sara has ~20 birdhouses from ISU Child Development Lab
 - Paola reported that birdhouses are in progress at Adventures Preschool
 - Kerry and Angie will pick up birdhouses from ACPC
 - Angie will drop off birdhouse kits at AHS
7. **Damaged public art (“Letting Go”, collection item 135-1718)**—
 - Tasheik updated PAC on and shared photos of the repairs made by artist Judd Nelson:
 - Nelson remade steel extension rod twice as strong to resist twisting
 - Nelson replaced bird with a dove-like shape to improve message

- Erica moved and Cathy seconded to approve the updates and proposed placement location (courtyard of City Hall).
8. **2019 Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge: Planning Committee**—Awaiting
 - completion of Birdhouse initiative
 - next meeting so new members can join
 - call for submissions (new call not yet released; but last year’s emerged in late April).
 9. **Placement of “Letting Go” (collection item 135-1718)**—see OB-7

E. New Business

1. **New Officer Elections**—The following members were nominated and elected (Heather moved; Erica seconded) to serve in these positions:
 - President: Olivia
 - Vice President: Sara
 - Secretary: Claire
 - Treasurer: Kerry
2. **Placement of 2018-19 AAOSE sculptures**—
 - Sara will ask Jacque to notify artists that sculpture acquisitions have been approved by City Council.
 - Sara reported upcoming placements:
 - i. “Parent and Child” (collection item ??)—Moore Memorial Park
 - ii. “Blue Heron” (collection item ??; repaired with new fish)—Parkridge Circle in Westbend
 - iii. “Stairway to Nowhere” (collection item ??)—Ringgenberg Park
3. **Tedesco Parkway Committee**—
 - Kerry reported two phases of sculpture placement in Tedesco Parkway:
 - i. PAC will assist TP in an AAOSE-like selection this year.
 - TP will provide their own funding to place pads and seek, secure, and install at least two sculptures for placement by end of summer 2019.
 - PAC suggested notifying artists not selected for Ames’ AAOSE this year and/or opening a separate competition.
 - ii. PAC will bring TP into AAOSE next year, using a rotating piece.
 - 2. TP contact is Jerry Keys.
 - 3. PAC will form working group to liaison between PAC and TP.
 - i. Tasheik will check whether former PAC members can join this ad hoc working group.
 - ii. Paola and Erica volunteered to serve on this group.
 - iii. Tasheik suggested notifying mayor of this group.

F. Committee and Liaison Reports

—Olivia suggested--and PAC approved--postponing committee memberships until next meeting, to accommodate new members.

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison, Chair)**. Olivia reported no updates since last report. Still in second phase of working with City regarding database. Olivia volunteered to continue, and Cathy will continue to assist.
2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs)**. Paola reported continued communication with Ben, and his possible attendance at next meeting to share storymap mockups.
3. **Outreach (David Faux, chair—under leave of absence)**. No updates.

- Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE).
 - Heather provided AAOSE updates.
 - We have nine sculptures to be placed in early May (in time for Art Walk).
 - Art Walk is Friday June 7 from 5-8pm.
 - Art Walk contact person is Kristen Roach with Little Woods.
 - PAC is addressing placement concerns due to height (average H = 8' and shortest 6').
 - Paola offered to update AAOSE brochures with new sculptures.
 - Heather will provide Paola with sculpture list.
- Neighborhood Sculpture. See NB-2. "Flo" (collection item 70-0102) will be stored until pad placement.
- Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative. See OB-6 above.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Tasheik Kerr): Tasheik brought up "chalk the walk" idea for Octagon Art Walk (Sept. 22).

- a. Sara received participation confirmation from Bondurant artist Christian Vandehaar.
- b. PAC may be able to fund guest artists (honorarium that may include travel) and chalk, and agreed to discuss allocations at next meeting.
- c. Paola suggested drafting a set of guidelines for artists.
- d. PAC will draft partnership letter in May, and Heather will submit request to City Council in July (possibly June).

H. For the Good of the Order

- This is Heather's last meeting. PAC will dearly miss her, and encourages her to return in other capacities 😊
- The next PAC meeting is scheduled on May 1st at 12 pm, 135 Ames City Hall.

I. Adjournment

Heather adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm.

Submitted by
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary