

Public Art Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 6, 2017
2:20 PM

Southeast Junior High
2501 Bradford Drive
Rachael Arnone's Art Classroom

AGENDA

Call to order

Presentation and Discussion with SE Junior High Students regarding the Longfellow Pedestrian Tunnel Mural

Consideration of minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting

Committee announcements or Committee reports

Staff reports

Adjournment

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**MINUTES
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MARCH 2nd, 2016 – 3:30 PM
LOBBY CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Engelbrecht, Juli Seydell Johnson, Wendy Brown, Ron Knoche, Erin Fitzgerald

NOT PRESENT: Sayuri Sasaki Hemann, Tam Bryk

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Bollinger

PUBLIC PRESENT: Betsy Potter

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:

There was no public discussion of items not on the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3rd, 2016

Seydell Johnson moved to approve the February 2nd, 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER ERIN FITZGERALD

All members introduced themselves and Fitzgerald provided a bit about her background.

PUBLIC ART MATCHING FUND- UPDATE ON THE MURAL PROPOSAL BY THE IOWA CITY DOWNTOWN DISTRICT- BETSY POTTER

Potter stated the Sheraton wall was not available due to lack of permission from ownership. Potter stated she discussed with Susan Craig (Director of Iowa City Public Library) that the mural be put on the back of the ICPL alley wall and that she would submit the public use write away permit. Potter mentioned the wall would be the same size as the original proposal, but that it was a scalable design that the artist could make work on any given space. She said the new site location was a heavily used alley way. Potter shared that she hoped the mural would launch art in alley ways. She stated the BenchMark program would be suspended starting next year due to construction in the pedmall, but that the University of Iowa Community Credit Union planned to continue its sponsorship by funding alley murals for the next few years. Potter said there were loose electrical wires and an electrical panel in poor condition that would need fixed to allow Thomas Agran to paint the mural. Potter believed the alley was a good place to start a project like this and that alley ways were a big initiative for the downtown district. Potter concluded there were still logistics to figure out, but the finished project timeline was still in May. Engelbrecht asked for all those in favor of the mural to be located along the alley behind the Iowa City Public Library. Moved by Seydell Johnson and seconded by Engelbrecht. The motion was passed with all in favor.

ROBERT A LEE RECREATION CENTER STEAM WALL INSTALLATION UPDATE- JULI SEYDELL JOHNSON

Seydell Johnson stated an initial meeting with the University of Iowa design group took place and they discussed relocating the mural to a wall directly adjacent to the office area near the seating/play area. Seydell Johnson mentioned the time line would be extended due to this change, and concluded that an updated contract was sent. Seydell Johnson said she discussed with Myers Walker her art work being displayed at Mercer. She specified Mercer had three display cases in the main lobby that were 12 inches in depth where Myers Walkers work would be displayed. She concluded the committee would see Myers Walkers application in April for the matching funds to make the mural possible. Seydell Johnson informed the committee that there may be a third art installation at the rec center by Deanne Wortman. She explained the project was a farmland and fossil project which was a public art crochet project that recreated the coral reef. She established the crochet project would fit with the aquatic nature of the pool as well as the STEAM Wall project. Brown inquired what the STEAM Wall team was planning to do with the background. Seydell Johnson said they were still working on that aspect. She said they did further discuss however, replacing the carpet with a green lawn. Brown asked if the team would add other pieces to the installation. Seydell Johnson said no, the budget was limited but it had grown in size, so the Parks and Recreation foundation would have to add additional funding for the carpet, electrical and such, since they were already looking to upgrade the space.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Engelbrecht mentioned Public Space One had two spots on the gallery walk, one at the present location and one at the near future location. He stated a reception would be held at both locations. Brown inquired about what would be happening at the Near Future location. Engelbrecht stated it was a closing reception for that space where art work, documentation of everything that has happened there, and posters would be displayed. He said it would be a celebration. Engelbrecht mentioned there would be a large two person show called Scrap Happy Panels at PS1 in which a couple would share their art work of comics on recycled paper and mosaic fabric work. He concluded food and drinks would be at both locations.

STAFF REPORTS:

Bollinger reminded the committee that the April meeting would be at Southeast Jr. High. She said a formal presentation would be shared on ideas for the Longfellow Tunnel mural to be painted by SEJH art students. Engelbrecht inquired about the time. Bollinger said she would confirm the time with Arnone. Seydell Johnson said it would be at 2:30. Bollinger said she would double check. Bollinger mentioned the Poetry in Public review committee was finalizing a review meeting. Brown inquired about how many poems would be posted. Bollinger said 84, three in each bus.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.

**Public Art Advisory Committee
Attendance Record
2016 - 2017**

Name	Term Expires	2/4	3/3	5/5	8/4	9/15	11/3	1/5	2/5	3/2
Bodkin Bryk, Tam	01/01/19	x	O/E	x	x	O/E	x	X	x	O/E
Brown, Wendy	01/01/20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	x	x
Engelbrecht, John	01/01/18	x	X	x	O/E	X	X	X	x	x
Hemann, Sayuri Sasaki	01/01/18	x	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	O/E
Erin Fitzgerald	01/01/20	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	x
Knoche, Ron		x	X	X	X	X	X	X	x	x
Seydell-Johnson, Juli		X	X	X	X	O/E	x	x	x	x

Key:

- X = Present
- O = Absent
- O/E = Absent/Excused
- = Not a member