

**Public Art Design Council**  
**Minutes – July 12, 2018**  
**City Hall – Executive Conference Room**

1. **Call to Order** – Charles Johnston (Chair) called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Present: Patrick Calvillo\*, Justin Combs\*, Jim Heck, Lovella Kelley, Kari Mailloux (V. Chair), Larry McLain, Teresa Oton Preston, Jim Seitnater and Meryl Dye (staff Liaison). There is one At-Large vacancy, and two vacancies in the Ex-Officio positions (Director Planning/Development and HRAH Director. (\* Ex-Officio with voting privileges.)
2. **Oral Communications by Audience** – Mayor Steve Dechant was in attendance. Sean Thomas, assistant parks/facilities director was also in attendance.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Mailloux made a motion to approve minutes for May 10, 2018, which was seconded by Kelley and passed unanimously.
4. **Reports**
  - A. **Public Art Program Administration.** Dye reported she will retire in September. Justin Combs and/or his designated staff will take over administration of the **Percent for Public Art Program** and provide a staff liaison to the Design Council. Justin will also oversee the **Avenue A Mural Project**. Linda Ojeda of the City Manager’s Office/Law Department will coordinate the **Chamber ART Gallery**, as Linda has helped carry out this program since the start.

As for **SculptureWalk**, Dye said there is no other City staff person to take over program administration. After discussion with the City Manager, she met with the board of the Hutchinson Art Association to request consideration in taking over program administration with current funds being transferred over. Dye described how the program works and offered her assistance to Art Center staff in setting up the program. Art Center board members said they will give consideration, but wanted contractual assurances that the City would continue to provide insurance coverage of the artwork, and continue in handling deliveries, storage, installation, de-installation, and coordinating the return of the sculptures. Dye said she will prepare a draft for the City Attorney to review and get back to the Board chair and director. After much discussion, the Design Council said they will wait to see the outcome of the Art Center board’s decision. If the Art Center declines the request, the Design Council will review how the program can be continued in the future.
  - B. **Percent for Public Art Projects Update:**
    - i. **Closed Projects** - Fire Stations, Sports Arena.
    - ii. **Main Street Streetscape** – (\$14,000) *H.D.* and *Egghead* have both been installed at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main. Project closed.
    - iii. **Otter Exhibit Mural** – (\$3,750) - A preliminary design concept by the artist was submitted in June to Zoo Director Ryan VanZant. He approved the design contingent upon changing the old house to an old barn. Notice to proceed was issued with a progress payment made on June 18<sup>th</sup>. VanZant reported on July 9<sup>th</sup> that city crews are priming the wall this week so the artist may begin the mural next week.

- iv. **Splash Pad (Rice Park)** – (\$3,000 in project funds, and \$2000 in private funds) – *Good Morning Sunshine* has been installed at Rice Park Splash Pad. Project closed.
  - v. **Orchard Park** – (est. \$13,870) - This project is still under design. No further update.
  - vi. **Zoo Education Center** – (est. \$2,000) – No project update.
  - vii. **Downtown Urban Park (new)** – (\$2,500) - Project is still under design. Preliminary discussion among staff suggested modern design panels mounted within the arches on the wall. Dye believes such work could be affordably commissioned through sculpture artist Maureen Hearty, who does cut-out designs using metals. Dye recommends pursuing an agreement and requesting a preliminary design through an invitational selection. Examples of Hearty’s artwork can be seen in this year’s SculptureWalk exhibit, *Kite Flying* and *Projection*.
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- 5. **Unfinished Business** – None.
  - 6. **New Business** – None.
  - 7. **Communications** – None.
  - 8. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn by Seitnater, and second by McLain. The motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Meryl Dye

<b>The next meeting date is September 13, 2018 at 3:30 PM.</b>
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