

Public Art Design Council

Minutes – September 13, 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 Mailoux (V. Chair), Larry McLain, Teresa Ooton 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 – Geoffrey Smith and Julie Black were in attendance. Sean Thomas, Assistant Director of Parks & Facilities was also in attendance.
3. Approval of Minutes – McLain made a motion to approve minutes for July 12, 2018, which was seconded by Mailoux and passed unanimously.
4. Reports
  - A. Percent for Public Art Projects – Update Report
    - i. Dye reported updates for open projects starting with the Otter Exhibit. This project was completed by Marge Barron on 7/25/2018 and final payment was issued.
    - ii. Combs reported Orchard Park, upon completion of the building design, invitations to bid were issued. Bids received exceeded budgeted funds for the project. The project is subject to further review by the City Council.
    - iii. Combs reported on Zoo Education Building, after design, bids received were within increased budgeted amount of \$300,000. Pending approval from City Council, Zoo Education Building will begin construction in 2018, discussion ensued about a sculpture placed in front of building.
    - iv. Combs reported on Downtown Urban Park project, specs have been received for demolition of existing structure, no further updates on total project costs or timeline.
    - v. Dye reported, Completed or Closed Projects included Fire Stations #3 & #5, Sports Arena, Mainstreet Streetscape and Rice Park Splash Park.

- B. Other – Julie Black presented to the Public Art Design Council her project status at Avenue A Park. Hutchinson Community Foundation requires significant progress made, to justify the grant dollars allocated to this project. Dye recommended Julie Black update the Public Art Design Council again at the next meeting pending favorable fall weather. Dye also recommended Combs and Mailoux explore different funding.

## 5. Unfinished Business

- A. Update on SculptureWalk – Dye made the recommendation to cease City Staff facilitation of SculptureWalk in her absence. Dye commented a revisioning of the program could look like the loan program conducted by Hutchinson Community College. Preston commented, the importance of SculptureWalk to the community and voiced her disapproval of ending the program. Kelley responded with similar concerns to Preston and agreed to form a sub-committee to revision the program to keep some form of SculptureWalk intact. Calvillo of the Hutchinson Art Center also pledged assistance with the newly formed sub-committee to administer the SculptureWalk Program. Combs commented that Hutchinson Recreation Commission expressed interest in continuing the program. Preston motioned to form SculptureWalk Sub-Committee with herself, Lovella Kelley and Patrick Calvillo. Mailoux seconded and passed unanimously.
- B. Public Art Budget – Discussion ensued about SculptureWalk Budget and the lack of available funds to continue the program. Dye questioned the process of how the Cultural Activities Fund is allocated, commenting her concerns about the effectiveness of the Arts & Humanities Council. Dye suggested to build Public Art Trust Reserve by allocating a portion of one-percent project amounts into the Reserve account. Discussion ensued about the importance of public art and its funding mechanisms.
- C. Task List for Projects- Dye referenced projects to update pieces and pedestals. Specifically citing “Eternal” by Gregory Johnson needed green marble matched to First National Bank. Preston commented about the height of the piece. Dye recommended City Staff under the direction of Jeremy Lindahl - Horticulture & Forestry Superintendent make stone facade addition to “Egghead” By Kimber Fiebiger pedestal.
- D. Design Council Vacancies – Dye commented on vacancy of Planning/Development Director. Dye explained vacancy of Hutchinson/Reno Arts & Humanities Council Director, Dye explained her intent to consult HRAH to hire new Director to revitalize Council leadership.
- E. Chamber Art Gallery – Dye communicated the intent for Legal Aide Linda Ojeda to continue to administer the Chamber Art Gallery with Assistance from Park Operations Superintendent Steve Allen.

## 6. New Business

- A. Art Center Sculpture Placement – Calvillo commented on proposal by the Hutchinson Art Center to the Public Art Design Council and City of Hutchinson for a permanent and

renewable easement allowing a piece to be placed on public property in front of the Art Center. McLain motioned to approve placement of the sculpture on public property in front of Hutchinson Art Center, Kelley seconded that motion and passed unanimously.

7. Communications and Comments – Johnston made comments about the career and retirement of Dye. Johnston thanked Dye for her service to the community and her commitment to Public Art.
8. Adjournment – Motioned to adjourn by Preston, Seconded by Seitnater. The motion passed.

Minutes prepared by Sean Thomas

The next meeting date is November 8, 2018 at 3:30p.m.