

WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, March 25, 2021

This meeting was held electronically because of the State Public Health Emergency Declaration regarding Covid-19 and was conducted pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8 and the Proclamation of Governor Kim Reynolds dated March 19, 2020.

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Phillips.

Commission	Jeff Phillips <i>Chair</i>	Brenda Sedlacek <i>Secretary</i>	Tamara Kenworthy	Ryan Crane	Rita Luther <i>Vice Chair</i>
Present	X	X	X	X	X
Commission	Diane Boyd	Jed Gammell			
Present	X	X arrived 6:32pm			

Staff	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Allison Ullestad <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Supervisor</i>	Hannah Guck <i>Secretary of Parks & Recreation</i>	Marnie Strate <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Coord.</i>	Matt McKinney <i>Council Liaison</i>
Present	X	X	X		

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda

Luther moved to approve the agenda as presented. Boyd seconded. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

Gary Scott, 1141 18th Street, West Des Moines, recognized the 10th anniversary of the Commission and thanked the Commission members for their hard work and years of dedicated service.

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2021, Meeting

Sedlacek moved to approve the minutes as presented. Crane seconded. Motion carried. 7 ayes.

Old Business -

On Item 4A. Discussion – Public Art Master Plan Update

Phillips stated the overall goal is to finalize the master plan and present to the City Council by July. Ortgies shared a spreadsheet that lays out the roles and responsibilities that need to be accomplished by each standing committee.

New Business

On Item 5A. Motion – Approval of Final Proposal – Light Valley Junction Public Art

Sedlacek updated the Commission on the progress made by the Light Valley Junction Public Art Work Group and artist Tim Adams. Installation is tentatively planned for July of this year. Sedlacek moved to approve the Final Proposal. Crane seconded. Motion carried. 7 ayes.

On Item 5B. Motion – Approval of Selection Committee – WDMurals

Ortgies informed the Commission of staff's recommendation for a Selection Committee for WDMurals. Proposed members include David Ball, Diane Boyd, Amenda Tate, Trisha Kubicek, and Aaron Sewell. Luther moved to approve the Selection Committee for WDMurals. Gammell seconded. Motion carried. 7 ayes.

Committee Reports

On Item 6A. Events Committee

Crane updated the Commission on the planning process for the July anniversary event. There will be a wide range of activities, vendors, music, and food for the public. Artist Douwe Blumberg, elected officials, and other dignitaries will be invited along with past Artists, Selection Committees, Commissioners, and Work Groups. There will be no rain date.

On Item 6B. Communications Committee

No report.

On Item 6C. Exhibition Committee

Luther informed the Commission they discussed the WDMurals project. Kenworthy suggested how to make the Art on the Campus selection process more objective by using rubrics for the scoring.

Project Work Group Reports

On Item 7A. Water Quality Community Service Art Projects/Event

Ullestad updated the Commission that the final payments to artist Bounnak Thammavong are officially complete. A plaque for Aqua Strata has been ordered and the artwork will be promoted once the plaque is installed. Phillips recommended having the unused student paintings be displayed in some way, if possible. Ullestad will be connecting with the artist about sending the extra paintings.

On Item 7B. Amphitheater Public Art

Ullestad informed the Commission that the artist, Douwe Blumberg, sent preliminary working drawings of the piece. Orgies stated the drawings that were signed off on represented only the land pieces. Blumberg is still working on a solution for installation of the water pieces. At the last meeting there was a plan to potentially drain the pond in November 2021, that is no longer the case. Based upon this, staff will be discussing options with Blumberg. Installation is still planned prior to the July 31, 2021 Public Art 10 Year Celebration.

On Item 7C. LIGHT Valley Junction Public Art

Discussed under New Business.

Staff Reports

On Item 8A. Arts, Culture & Enrichment Supervisor

Ullestad stated WDMurals applications are due on March 31st. One application has been received from Winterset, Iowa. Orgies updated the Commission that one of the underpasses selected will not be able to be used due to trail renovations along Jordan Creek to EP True Parkway. The new location will be the underpass under E.P. True Parkway near Brookview Elementary.

On Item 8B. Director of Parks and Recreation

No report.

On Item 9. Other Matters

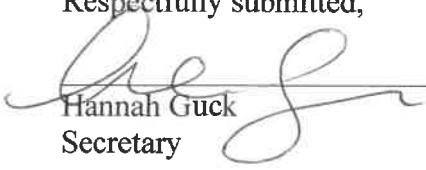
The Commission thanked Jed Gammell and Tamara Kenworthy for their years of service on the Commission.

On Item 10. Receive, File and/or Refer

None

Boyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Sedlacek seconded. Motion carried, 7 ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hannah Guck
Secretary

ATTEST:



Brenda Sedlacek
Public Arts Advisory Commission Secretary