

**WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Phillips

<b>Commission</b>	Jeff Phillips <i>Chair</i>	Brenda Sedlacek <i>Secretary</i>	Amenda Tate	Ryan Crane	Rita Luther <i>Vice Chair</i>
<b>Present</b>	X	X		X	X
<b>Commission</b>	Diane Boyd	Josh Duden			
<b>Present</b>					

<b>Staff</b>	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	Allison Ullestad <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Supervisor</i>	Miranda Kurtt <i>Administrative Secretary</i>	Marnie Strate <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Coord.</i>	Matt McKinney <i>Council Liaison</i>
<b>Present</b>	X	X	X		X

**On Item 1. Approval of Agenda**

Luther moved to approve the agenda as presented. Sedlacek seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

**On Item 2. Citizen Forum**

No report.

**On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2021, Meeting**

Crane moved to approve the minutes as presented. Luther seconded. Motion carried, 4 yes.

**On Item 4. Old Business**

No report.

**New Business**

**On Item 5A. Motion – Approval of Artists and Artwork Locations – 2022 Art on the Campus**

Sedlacek stated that after the Committee scored the applications, they met to discuss the findings. There were 40 proposals submitted from artists in four different states. There were six new artists and ten returning artists. Of the twelve individual artists selected, there were not any artists with multiple pieces. The placement of the pieces was also agreed on by the Committee. Commission member, Duden, was not in attendance as part of the selection process. Liz Stephenson served her last term and Shirley Houghtaling and Dave Basler agreed to serve next year. Installation will begin on April 15. Agreements will be sent to the selected artists, and the signed agreements will be brought before Council for approval.

Sedlacek moved to approve the Artist and Artwork Locations – 2022 Art on the Campus as presented. Crane seconded. Motion carried. 4 yes.

**Committee Reports**

**On Item 6A. Events Committee**

No report.

**On Item 6B. Communications Committee**

No report.

## **On Item 6C. Exhibition Committee**

No report.

## **Project Work Group Reports**

### **On Item 7A. Amphitheater Public Art**

Ullestad stated the Events Committee will need to meet soon regarding the unveiling or dedication of the art piece, *Progression*. The pieces have finally arrived in Iowa, however, Douwe will not install the artwork until the spring.

## **Staff Reports**

### **On Item 8A. Arts, Culture & Enrichment Supervisor**

Ullestad stated that *Limelight* is officially complete. Darryl Eschete, Library Director, has noticed damage to *Frequency* located outside of the library. Ullestad contacted the artist and he is willing to do repairs on the piece. As he is doing the repairs, he will clean the piece and make modifications to prevent future damage. Public Services will provide the equipment to move it to a location for him. He will be paid for these repairs. Sedlacek questioned if the cleaning process could be documented and promoted.

Ortgies and Ullestad discussed having Tim Adams' piece from the Art on the Campus submissions, *Pack It*, be a pop-up piece in various parks for National Park Month in July. The dimensions of the piece were too large to fit on the concrete slabs for Art on the Campus; however, the piece was well received by the Art on the Campus Selection Committee. The suggestion is to provide a \$2,000 stipend with the possibility to purchase the piece. The Commission gave the approval for Ullestad to contact Adams. The Exhibition Committee will meet to discuss further details.

### **On Item 8B. Director of Parks and Recreation**

Ortgies stated that she and Ullestad met with Matt Harris with DART, and they are ready for our department to move forward with the bus shelter art. They have identified three locations in West Des Moines which do not currently have shelters. They would like our commitment to the program and have the artists agreements in place for when the shelters are ready. DART will contribute \$3,000 towards a stipend for the artists' initial and final concepts. The Commission will need to determine what additional amount, if any, will be contributed towards the stipend. Crane participated in the selection of the 25 artists. Harris will attend the January Public Arts Advisory Commission meeting to discuss this further. Phillips questioned who would own the art. Ortgies stated it would be owned by DART. DART requested that we contribute \$1,000 per shelter towards maintenance fees. More information can be found at [www. https://www.ridedart.com/art-bus-shelters](http://www.ridedart.com/art-bus-shelters).

A request was received from the citizen group, Historic West Des Moines Master Plan Steering Committee, regarding the permanent restrooms being installed at Railroad Park in Valley Junction. They are interested in having art installed on the exterior of the restroom walls. This request will be further discussed with the Exhibition Committee.

Ortgies stated the new Council Liaison for the Public Arts Advisory Commission will be Kevin Trevillyan as approved at the December 6 Council Meeting.

### **On Item 10. Other Matters**

Ullestad questioned when to schedule the next Exhibition Committee meeting because Duden has not been attending the scheduled meetings. Luther questioned when he last attended a Public Arts Advisory Committee meeting. Phillips will follow up with Duden regarding his lack of attendance. Ortgies stated that Phillips, as the Chair, can attend any of the subcommittee meetings.

**Receive, File and/or Refer**  
None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Miranda Kurtt  
Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:  
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Brenda Sedlacek  
Public Arts Advisory Commission Secretary