

WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
Thursday, March 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Brenda Sedlacek.

Commission	Brenda Sedlacek <i>Chair</i>	Mahesh Mathrubutham <i>Secretary</i>	Jeff Phillips <i>Vice Chair</i>	Ryan Crane	Rita Luther arrived 5:49pm
Present	X	X	X	X	X
Commission	Diane Boyd	Amenda Tate			
Present	X	X			

Staff	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Ryan Penning <i>Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Allison Ullestad <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Supervisor</i>	Miranda Kurtt <i>Administrative Secretary Parks & Recreation</i>	Marnie Strate <i>Arts, Culture, and Enrichment Coord.</i>	Kevin Trevillyan <i>Council Liaison</i>
Present	X	X	X	X		

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda

Crane moved to approve the agenda as presented. Phillips seconded. Motion carried, 5 ayes.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

No report.

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2023

Boyd moved to approve the minutes as presented. Crane seconded. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

On Item 4. Old Business

No report.

New Business

On Item 5A. Motion – Approval of Artists and Artwork Location – 2023 WDMurals

Ullestad stated that the amount is \$18,000 not \$14,000 as stated in the report due to the additional two artist. Crane provided comments about the group and stated that there were citizens on the selection committee. Crane was very impressed with the variety of submissions received. Boyd stated that there were 24 submissions with 20 being Iowa residents. The theme this year was *Our Community* and Ullestad stated that none of the submissions depicted humans in the murals. Sedlacek commented that the locations were widespread and Ullestad commented that the two new additional sites fill in the gaps along the trail. Boyd questioned how many trail underpass locations are available and Ullestad said she was unsure of the number, however, not all locations are favorable for murals. Boyd recommended to the Exhibition Committee to increase the spending limit and include additional trails in the future and Mathrubutham agreed.

Boyd moved to approve the 2023 WDMurals Artists and Artwork Location as presented. Phillips seconded. Motion carried, 6 ayes.

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. Railroad Park Restrooms Public Art

Tate stated the group met on March 23 to get to know each other. They also discussed the verbiage to use in the Call for Artist Proposal. The Call for Artist document should be available at the April Public Arts and Advisory Commission meeting.

On Item 7B. DART Bus Shelter Public Art

No Report.

On Item 7C. Raccoon River Park Playground Public Art

Mathrubutham stated the group met on March 23 with Hilde DeBruyne to discuss expectations of the project and to get to know DeBruyne. Ullestad stated that the goal is for installation to occur prior to the playground opening potentially in October. Ullestad stated they have 30 days to submit their proposal. Ullestad stated that the Bravo Public Art Grant submission is due April 7, and the department is applying for \$25,000 to be applied towards the \$75,000 amount for the project. This grant is for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Staff Reports

On Item 8A. Arts, Culture & Enrichment Supervisor

Ullestad stated Art on the Campus installation is between April 1-15. She will be communicating with Public Services regarding power washing the trails and painting the trail underpasses in preparation of the new murals. Tate questioned if there will be communication stating that new murals be coming. Ullestad was asked to attend and present to the Bravo Public Art group. She discussed our department's selection of artist, which was greatly received.

On Item 8B. Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Penning stated that interviews were done for the three vacant spots on the Public Arts and Advisory Commission. There were numerous applications and the new Board and Commission Appointment Policy assisted in the selection of the new Commission members. They are Virginia Barrett, Tami Kitner, and Courtney Moller.

On Item 8B. Director of Parks and Recreation

Ortgies expressed her appreciation for the Commission members and all the accomplishments it has achieved over the years. She has truly enjoyed her time with all the members.

On Item 9. Other Matters

Ortgies expressed appreciation to the three outgoing Commission members: Diane Boyd, Rita Luther, and Brenda Sedlacek. These members have been part of the Commission from the very beginning. Boyd, Luther, and Sedlacek thanked the staff and the City for allowing them to be part of this Commission.

The Hotel/Motel Tax Deferment was postponed until the April 3rd Council meeting

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On Item 10A. City Council Communications

March 6, 2023 Motion – Approval of 2023 Art on the Campus Artist Agreements

March 6, 2023 Motion – Approval of Artist Contract – Raccoon River Park Playground
Public Art Sensory Wall Project

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Kurtt
Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

 4/27/23
Mahesh Mathrubutham
Public Arts Advisory Commission Secretary