

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – March 7, 2018
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: Kerry Dixon (Chair), Cathy Carlyle, Angie DeWaard, Tim Folger, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Claire Kruesel, Bill LaGrange, Mary Ann Lundy, Olivia Madison (Secretary), Paola Sepulveda, and Kevin Stow

Absent: Lisa Ailshie, David Faux, Heather Johnson, and Sara Sherman

Guest: Tasheik Kerr, Management Analyst, City Manager Office

Kerry Dixon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. The agenda was approved unanimously.

A. Approval of February 7, 2018 Minutes

Mary Ann Lundy moved and Bill LaGrange seconded to approve the minutes with the corrected name of “Top O’ Hollow.” Motion passed unanimously.

B. Treasurers Report. No Report

C. Public Forum and Guests

Bob Kindred introduced Tasheik Kerr, City Manager Office. She briefly described her position and expressed her interest in PAC’s charge and activities.

D. Old Business

1. **Flo (Collection Item 70-0102) – Placement.** Mary Ann Lundy mentioned that Top O’ Hollow remains a possible location.
2. **South Duff Squaw Creek Bank Improvements.** No update.
3. **Window on a Blue Garden (Collection Item 95-0607).** Bob reported that the sculpture is repaired and is located in city storage waiting for a spring installation.
4. **Power Tennis (Collection Item 118-1213).** Kerry reported that the repair process has begun, which includes recasting with an estimate between \$8,500-\$11,000 (to be covered by city insurance). The artist has included in the estimate conservation (including cleaning and applying a clear surface finish). Kerry agreed to the need of future routine maintenance. Tim Folger suggested a press release regarding the damage and cost – PAC agreed. Once it is repaired and if it is vandalized again, we need to discuss whether to move it to a different location or selling it. Kerry mentioned that the potential option of a future sale would be dependent on any federal stipulations regarding re-purchase included in the original federal funding agreement.
5. **Wild Flowers (Collection Item 101-0910).** PAC agreed with Tim’s recommendation to repair Wild Flowers – similar to what is being done for Window on a Blue Garden. Olivia will contact the Head of Applied Arts to inquire about potential contact(s) to restore/repair this piece as well as other artwork needing restoration.
6. **FY19 PAC Budget Report.** See New Business, E.1. below.

E. New Business

1. **Budget reallocations for purchase of Balance (Item NB-1).** Kerry proposed several budget reallocations to fund the purchase of Balance and reported that the Director of the Ames Public Library agreed to keep Balance (assuming it is purchased by the City) in its current location for at least two more two years. Kevin Stow moved and Claire Kruesel seconded the proposed budget reallocations to fund the

purchase. The motion passed unanimously. Kerry will forward the revised budget to the City Council for its review and approval. Bob will let Kerry know the City Council reallocation budget decision.

2. **2018 Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge, April 19 deadline.** PAC agreed that this would be an ambitious timeline and suggested that we will plan for a 2019 proposal submission. Claire noted that the letter to Mayor Campbell indicated “temporary public art projects” and we need to be sure we have a clear definition of “temporary.” A small working group needs to be appointed with Parks and Recreation included. If a possible location is chosen in a joint city/county park, a county representative should be included as a working group member. One potential location mentioned was the Tedesco Environmental Learning Corridor /Greenspace.
3. **AAOSE Finalists.** The three AAOSE jurors were Shelby Brindley (Rippke Design), Randy Howshaw (Howshaw Violins), and Terrie Hoefer (Octagon Gallery Shop). Olivia moved and Cathy Carlyle seconded to remove one of the four listed alternate proposals for consideration. The motion passed unanimously. Bill moved and Angie DeWaard seconded that PAC approve the jury’s eight proposed “top choices” and three remaining alternates. The motion passed unanimously. Heather Johnson will inform the artists of the decisions, and Stacy Craven will send them the standard AAOSE contract.
4. **Nominations for Elections.** Kerry opened nominations (including self-nominations) for elections, which will continue at our April 4 meeting and followed by voting. She noted that typically the vice-chair serves as the elected chair for the following year, and that Heather Johnson has agreed to be nominated. Olivia agreed to be nominated as vice chair – she is currently serving as secretary. David Faux agreed to be re-nominated as treasurer. Further nominations are invited at the next meeting, which includes the position of secretary. Any questions and interests to be nominated should be forwarded to Kerry.
5. **Thank You to Outgoing Commission Members.** Kerry warmly commended our three outgoing members (Tim Folger, Bill LaGrange, and Mary Ann Lundy) for their many years of dedicated service to the PAC mission and wide-ranging contributions across all of PAC activities. THEY WILL BE MISSED!

F. Committee and Liaison Reports

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison and Tim Folger, Co-Chairs).** Olivia mentioned that the committee needs to work on creating a database for artwork that would include “state”, when repairs have been done, describe/prioritize what needs repair/conservation, etc. She mentioned that Tim has long advocated for this database, which would not replace the current official city database of purchased and/or donated city artwork. She also mentioned that the Priscilla Sage fabric sculptures in City Hall need general cleaning, including dust removal. Tim recommended that the artist be contacted as to a suggested conservation/cleaning process. Kerry will contact potential ISU faculty and staff who might be interested in such a conservation project.
2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda).** Paola reported that Otocast will bill us only for new entries, and she is working on adding our new AAOSE artwork, which will “join” our current entries. She also mentioned that the City of Waukees’s Parks and Recreation Department contacted her regarding their interest in our Otocast site.
3. **Outreach (Heather Johnson & David Faux, Co-Chairs).**
 - a. Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE). See above under Old Business
 - b. Neighborhood Sculpture. Mary Ann reported no change from her report last month including the potential option of installing Letting Go on the North Dakota site with Window on a Blue Garden.

- c. Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative. Olivia provided a draft “Key Decisions Discussion” document for obtaining PAC input for the upcoming planning process. PAC agreed generally on:
- o This project is not part of the annual AAOSE.
 - o Department of Parks and Recreation’s active participation is essential.
 - o There would be a “professional call” for proposals, with the theme of Iowa-based birds. Proposals could include birdhouses and other related artwork such as sculptures.
 - o Depending on interest/success in the project, we could arrange a call every three years
 - o Outreach to the Ames Schools – There was interest for aiming the birdhouse project to the Ames Middle School (including individual and/or group teams) with designated “Iowa” bird choices, information about the birds, etc. Teams could involve different subgroups such as design of the houses, woodworking for construction, painting, research on the birds, etc. Kerry agreed to make initial contacts with some Ames Middle School teachers to determine, grow and gauge support for the overall project concept and ideas on how to proceed. Eventually, once we know the scope of interest, decisions will be needed for the type of awards and potential prizes.
 - o Community support/interest is important (e.g., local businesses, organizations, 4H, scout troops, etc.)
 - o Octagon Showing in March 2019 – Planning/decisions necessary regarding which birdhouses (and other artwork) would be displayed.
 - o Installation of birdhouses in city parks – Moore Park continues to be integral to the project in part due to the extensive walkway around the park’s prairie and wooded area. However, depending the number of birdhouses, other parks could be selected for additional birdhouse locations.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred).

Bob reminded PAC of the upcoming annual Board and Commissions Luncheon on Thursday, March 22 at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center. The speakers will discuss the proposed Healthy Life Center concept. Kerry will arrange for PAC table(s).

H. For the Good of the Order

The next PAC meeting is April 4, 2018 at 12:00 noon, 135 Ames City Hall. Newly appointed commission members are Erica Briest, Matthew Coronas, and James Surber. David Faux was reappointed. The 2018/2019 commission membership is complete.

I. Adjournment

Kerry adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm

Submitted by
Olivia Madison, PAC Secretary