

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – 8/1/2018
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

Present: Heather Johnson (Chair), Erica Briest, Cathy Carlyle, Matthew Coronas, Kerry Dixon, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Olivia Madison (Vice Chair), Paola Sepulveda, Sara Sherman, Kevin Stow

Absent: Angie DeWaard, James Surber

Public Forum/Guests: N/A

Heather Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10.

A. Approval of 7/11/2018 Minutes

PAC approved minutes, with amendments. Olivia moved to approve amended minutes and Erica seconded; amendments include corrections to spellings of Matthew's and Cathy Gersema's first names and removal of Lisa Ailshie from attendance (she has resigned from PAC).

B. Treasurer's Report

David Faux, Treasurer, reported that Su looked over Treasurer's records, and everything seems to be in order.

- Putting donation money toward costs puts us above by ~\$200.
- We have a surplus as in previous years, but not as much of a surplus as in previous years.
- We are asking for funds to carry over for Art in the Park.
- Once finalized, David will send updated finances out to PAC. We will need action for carryover in September's meeting.

C. Public Forum

N/A

D. Old Business

1. **"Flo"** (collection item 70-0102) —Placement pending; Olivia will speak with neighborhood member Ronnie Lindeman to let her know we are interested in placing two other sculptures at that location (these are "Improbable Balance" (# not in file*) and "Window on a Blue Garden" (collection item #95-0607).
2. **S. Duff, Squaw Creek bank improvements** – actions pending.
3. **See 1.**
4. **"Power Tennis"** (collection item #118-1213) may or may not be installed. Once it is placed, we will create a press release.
5. **"Wild Flowers"** (collection item 101-0910) pending under Kerry's supervision.
6. **Bloomberg Philanthropy Public Art Challenge, planning committee** – We will initiate in January 2019.

E. New Business

1. **Placement of AAOSE 2017-18 neighborhood sculptures** – Bob reports that two foundations were poured last week: One for "Letting Go" (# not in file*) on S. 4th and S. Russell, and one more (committee

cannot recall but Bob will follow up). After this week's two sculptures are placed, all AAOSE 2017-18 neighborhood sculptures will have been placed.

- Paola needs locations for Otocast.
- Per the City action item, the neighborhood sculptures and locations are
 - i. "In Bloom" (# not in file*) at Parkview Heights
 - ii. "Maelstrom" (# not in file*) on 900 block of Idaho
 - iii. "Letting Go" (# not in file*) on Hazel
 - iv. "Balance" (# not in file*) at the Ames Public Library
 - v. "Improbable Balance" (# not in file*) yet to be determined (possibly N. Dakota park).

F. Committee and Liaison Reports

1. Collection Management (Olivia Madison, Chair).

- a. Olivia reported no updates beyond pending sculptures' placement in N. Dakota park (see OB- 1).

2. Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs).

- a. Paola reported the possibility (per Ben McConville, GIS Coordinator) of public-facing and private-facing aspects to Otocast, and suggested meeting with Collection Management to evaluate this.
 - i. When our Otocast contract ends in June 2019, we may be able to keep current functionality through a map managed through the city (possibly built off ARC GIS). The possible interface allows images and audio at pin drops.
 - ii. Kerry pointed out that a benefit to in-house management would be transferring maintenance information (some of it paper) to a singular, central, usable electronic database. Olivia connected this to Collection Management's mission of stewardship, and added that this would make maintenance simpler to keep on a preventative schedule. PAC discussed the extent of paper records, and the need to transfer them to a singular electronic resource.
 - iii. Next step: Paola and Tasheik will meet with Ben.
- b. Kerry reported that shirts have been ordered.
- c. Upcoming events:
 - i. Octagon Festival (Sun. Sept. 23) staffing:
 1. 9-11 Claire and Kerry (opens at 10)
 2. 11-1 Kevin and Sarah
 3. 1-3 David and Paola
 4. 3-5 Cathy and Matthew (booths break down at 4, and Kerry will help)
 - ii. Farmers' Market (Sat. Aug. 18, 8a-12:30p) staffing:
 1. 7:30-9 (starts at 8): Kerry and Paola
 2. 9-11 Kevin and Sarah
 3. 11-1 (ends at 12:30): Erica (Kerry can help with teardown)

3. Outreach (David Faux, Chair).

- Octagon Festival: Heather reported PAC will try to involve sculptor Mr. Zane in Octagon Festival
- Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative
 - Heather will send out a Doodle poll so committee can meet. Likely circa Aug. 13-17.
 - Providing birdhouse kits was suggested as a better fit with city's granting.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Bob Kindred)

- Bob reported that the two dragon sculptures are installed at SW corner of City Hall/Community Center.
 - Name: “The Trogdors” (formerly/colloquially known as “Orange Dragon” and “Purple Dragon”)
 - Signage is pending
- Two weeks from now, new staff will be in place
 - Several staff members shifting or retiring
 - Bob will alert us to new staff contact person
- Bob is retiring April 1, 2019

H. For the Good of the Order

- Look for Birdhouse Committee Doodle poll, and feel free to research how others have done similar projects.
 - David mentioned Disney birdhouses as another example.
- The next PAC meeting is scheduled on Sept. 5 at 12 pm, 135 Ames City Hall.

I. Adjournment

Heather adjourned the meeting at 1:06 pm.

** Note: The collection number for these items is not known by your secretary. The collection management file she has is current through 2017. If you have a more updated file, please share it. Thank you!*

Submitted by
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary