

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES  
MEETING MINUTES – 10/3/2018  
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 235**

**Present:** Heather Johnson (Chair), Mathew Coronas, Kerry Dixon, Angie DeWaard, Tasheik Kerr (City Liaison), Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Olivia Madison (Vice-Chair), Sara Sherman, Kevin Stow, and James Surber

**Absent:** Erica Briest, Cathy Carlyle, David Faux, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Paola Sepulveda

**Public Forum/Guests:** N/A

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

**A. Approval of 09-05-2018 Minutes**

Olivia moved and James seconded to approve the minutes.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

Kerry reported that "Letting Go" was not paid for in previous FY (as intended); carryover will be reallocated to accomplish this. Kerry and David will investigate payment did not occur in previous FY.

**C. Public Forum**

N/A

**D. Old Business**

1. **"Flo" (Collection #70-0102):** Request to assess location was submitted to Public Works; Tasheik will check on status.
2. **South Duff improvements:** Awaits business district action.
3. **"Window on a Blue Garden" (Collection #95-0607):** Sara and Olivia will check site for planned installation; Olivia will notify neighborhood liaison that "Flo" will be installed elsewhere and neighborhood may apply for another sculpture in the future.
4. **"Power Tennis" (Collection # 118-1213) Vandalism:** Campus Services has work order and is ready to install when weather cooperates.
5. **"Wild Flowers" (Collection #101-0910):** Kerry will contact Ingrid Lilligren re: possible repair.
6. **2019 Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge:** Kerry will contact Keith Abrahamson to determine proper contact for obtaining county park permission.

**E. New Business**

**1. 2018-2019 AAOSE Sculptures**

- **Placement of AAOSE 2018-19 sculptures into neighborhoods:**

- i. Deadline = Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. Sara will chair committee and Kerry will assist.
  1. Sara will email Mary Ann re: previous, unawarded applications so PAC can alert originators to upcoming deadline.
  2. Sara will contact Susan Gwaisda re: press release.
  3. Kerry will ensure Sara has access to FB account for future promotions.

- **AAOSE 2018-2019 "Best in Show"**

- i. 595 votes cast; results:
  1. 3<sup>rd</sup> (97 votes/16%): "Blue Heron with Sunfish"

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> (102/17%): “No Strings Attached”
  3. 1<sup>st</sup> (167/28%): “Time Passes”
  4. All pieces received votes
- ii. Kerry will release information via FB over the next week.

## 2. Damaged Public Art

- Two pieces were damaged in the past week:
  - i. “Blue Heron”—Erica Briest noticed damage; PAC contacted artist.
  - ii. “Letting Go”—PAC was notified by neighborhood and Tasheik photographed damage (images were passed around PAC).
    1. Artist will pick up sculpture on Friday for repairs.
    2. PAC discussed possible alternative locations:
      - a. Roundabouts in S. Ames
        - i. PAC agreed this is a worthy option
        - ii. Tasheik will determine permissions needs
      - b. New McFarland wing
      - c. By Provisions
    3. Sara will contact neighborhood liaison to inform them of damage, need to relocate, and the option of applying for a replacement sculpture from the Neighborhood Sculpture program (applications due Dec. 15).

## F. Committee and Liaison Reports

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison, Chair):** No updates reported.

2. **Public Relations [Paola Sepulveda (absent) and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs]:**

- a. Kerry reports that Octagon Festival was a success
  - i. Received many AAOSE votes (#=595)
  - ii. Many attendees entered giveaways (Patrick Dougherty books/cards); Kerry will follow through on drawings/awards
- b. Kerry will give away foam-mounted photos via FB

3. **Outreach [David Faux (absent) and Heather, Co-Chairs]:**

- Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE): See NB-1 above.
- Neighborhood Sculpture: See NB-1 above.
- Art in the Parks – Birdhouse Initiative.
  - Committee met 10/03 (11:30 am) and continued discussion in PAC meeting:
    - Previous actions:
      - James researched other birdhouse competitions and shared helpful guidelines.
    - Need to:
      - Work on wording of proposal (due Nov. 13)
      - Research birdhouse kits
    - Future actions:
      - James will summarize materials info
      - Olivia will contact CoD (Integrated Arts)
      - Kerry will draft synopsis, then CC committee + Tasheik/Bob
      - Kerry will contact Wild Birds Unlimited, AIA, and DECA
      - Claire will contact Lyndsay Nissen re: possible collaboration with Reliable Street

- Kevin will contact APL re: early 2019 display of bird/birdhouse books
- Angie will contact Girl Scouts and Mitchell Arts Teachers, and research conservation groups (e.g. Izaak Walton League)
- Tasheik suggested adding an entry form to PAC's website
- Committee will present proposal to City Council by Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Next committee meeting: Heather will send out Doodle poll

**G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Tasheik Kerr)**

Tasheik suggested and will initiate hosting PAC documents on City Connect. PAC expressed great enthusiasm for this centralization of documents.

**H. For the Good of the Order**

The next PAC meeting is scheduled on 11/7 at 12 pm at 235 Ames City Hall.

**I. Adjournment**

Heather adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm.

Submitted by  
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary