

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES  
MEETING MINUTES – July 11, 2018  
AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

**Present:** Heather Johnson (Chair), Erica Briest, Matthew Coronas, Kerry Dixon, David Faux, Bob Kindred (Staff Liaison), Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Olivia Madison, Sara Sherman, Kevin Stow

**Absent:** Cathy Carlyle, Angie DeWaard, Paola Sepulveda, James Surber

**Public Forum/Guests:** Tasheik Kerr, Management Analyst, City Manager Office

Heather Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:04. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**A. Approval of 05-02 Minutes**

Kerry moved and Matthew seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

David Faux, Treasurer, reported that the donation fund was shifted toward purchase of some sculptures; he will prepare a report for next month that will reflect these changes in more detail. FY18 yearly report (ended June 30) will be presented at next meeting. All sculptures/repairs are paid for except "Letting Go" (waiting for artist).

**C. Public Forum**

Tasheik reports that she and Paola met with Ben re: maintenance of collection. Bob noted that she should contact Cathy Gersema.

**D. Old Business**

**1. "Flo" by Dave Johnson (collection item 70-0102) awaits new home; motion next meeting**

- "Flo" is ready for placement. Previously discussed locations include
  - i. Top O' Hollow (no further discussion at 7/11 meeting)
  - ii. NW corner of Delaware/N. Dakota, with "Window on a Blue Garden"
    - Visible location is a plus; possible difficulty/expense is placement of path and/or benches. Kerry noted that such design elements will have to be ADA compliant since location is public land. PAC discussed compatibility between "Window on a Blue Garden," "Flo," and possibly a third sculpture (PAC noted that "Improbable Balance" needs to be placed).
    - PAC wants to move forward with a decision at next meeting re: placement of both "Flo" and "Window on a Blue Garden." Olivia will contact a neighborhood representative from this area to gauge interest and prepare a motion for next meeting.

**2. South Duff, Squaw Creek bank improvements: Awaits business district action**

- Bob spoke with Pat Brown and is awaiting a return call. Pending easement approval from city, Pat appears ready for art placement at her business location.

**3. "Window on a Blue Garden" (collection item #95-0607) awaits reinstallation See OB-1**

**4. "Power Tennis" Vandalism – repaired; awaits installation; possible publicity**

- "Power Tennis" is repaired; reinstallation awaits coordination with campus services. PAC considered that it may be wise to wait to reinstall until after Rummage Rampage sale (July 27-Aug 2) which is held in the parking ramp. David will discuss with Lynette Pohlman the possibility of using a "Power Tennis" metal plaque owned and currently unused by University Museums. Bob suggested—upon reinstallation—a press release to raise awareness of repair costs, and PAC supported this idea.

**5. "Wild Flowers" (collection item 101-0910): Sourcing repair**

- Kerry will check with College of Design re: possibility of hiring a student to repair "Wild Flowers."

6. **Budget reallocations for purchase of Balance (item NB-1)** This action is complete.
7. **Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge: Planning committee to start Jan 2019**
  - <https://publicartchallenge.bloomberg.org/>; due April 2020.
  - Kevin noted the planned location will already be installed due date, so the idea needs to be new and significant. Possible topics (taken from website) include sustainable cities, clean energy, waterways, etc.
  - Heather suggested starting a committee in Jan 2019. In May 2 meeting, preliminary committee formed headed by Matthew Coronos and including Angie DeWaard, Kerry Dixon, Heather Johnson, Claire Kruesel, and Kevin Stow.
8. **Lighting for Priscilla Sage pieces in City Auditorium Vestibule (item NB-2)**
  - Sage is still out of town; when she returns, Heather will bring her to the location to check lighting.

## E. New Business

1. **Placement of AAOSE 2018-19 sculptures is complete.**
2. **Sign up for summer events**
  - Two summer events completed include
    - i. Art Walk
    - ii. Reiman Gardens
  - Two summer events remain:
    - i. Farmers' Market, Aug 18. (Note: This date is also Iowa State Fair; 25<sup>th</sup> is second choice; Kerry will verify 18<sup>th</sup> with Farmers' Market). Signup will be in 2 hour blocks; 7:30 setup.
    - ii. Octagon Festival, Sept. 23. *Everyone needs to volunteer for this.* PAC members signed up for time slots, and Kerry will send out Sign Up Genius for those not at meeting.
      - Time slots include 9-11 (setup at 9; festival opens at 10; teardown after 4).
      - David Zane (has an AAOSE piece) will also be at the Octagon Festival, and Heather will try to form a connection with the AAOSE piece.
  - PAC is ordering shirts for those who still need them.
3. **Staff appreciation**
  - PAC signed cards for Stacy and Lisa.

## F. Committee and Liaison Reports—Monthly Goals and Outcomes

1. **Collection Management (Olivia Madison, Chair).**
  - Covered under agenda topics.
  - PAC noted that rearrangement of City Hall pieces is appealing.
2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs).**
  - David reported that Otocast is working smoothly.
  - Once "Power Tennis" is reinstalled, PR will draft a press release (See OB-4).
3. **Outreach (David Faux and Heather Johnson, Co-Chairs).**
  - Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE)—Placement is complete and voting underway.
  - Neighborhood Sculpture—Sara is on committee and asked how applications get fielded; Kerry and Heather clarified that apps are due mid-Dec, and Stacy receives application emails (can also be physically submitted). Sara volunteered to manage the applications.
  - Art in the Parks 2019 Project: Birdhouse Initiative—PAC discussed this project in detail:
    - Ideas for community involvement include
      - High Schools (Kevin spoke with HS teachers Rhonda Schmalz and Vicki Hales, who are

- interested in using this as an interdisciplinary project; DECA may want to be involved)
- Promotion through Octagon Art Festival
- Business/local co-sponsors (e.g. Wild Birds Unlimited, Rob Wallace, Reliable x Main Street)
- Practical considerations include
  - City approval: We need City approval before orchestrating involvement with multiple groups.
    - Heather reported that exhibit will occur in March-May range; we need to be prepared for Sept City Council meeting, so Heather will follow up with committee (chaired by Olivia) to schedule a meeting before August PAC meeting.
  - Placement in Moore Park: We need to consult with Joshua Thompson.
  - Design suitability and maintenance: Birdhouses must fit specific species' needs and receive annual cleaning.
  - City representation within committee: Tasheik is joining the committee.

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

- Bob emailed Heather info from LAA-Board re: outreach to the public.
- For the next several months Bob acts as Interim HR Director for the City so he will be more busy.
  - He encourages us to contact Tasheik, who will now be added to our mailing list, at tkerr@city.ames.ia.us

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

- The next PAC meeting is scheduled on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 pm, 135 Ames City Hall.
  - We will try to schedule a birdhouse meeting before then; Heather will send out a Doodle poll.
- Cards were sent around for Lisa and Stacy; Stacy came in at 12:53 and we gave her a card.
- Watch your email for sign-ups for Farmers' Market (Aug. 18) and Octagon Festival (Sept. 23).
- Discussion of how to fill vacancies (that pop up outside the normal schedule) occurred before minutes were approved.
  - One idea proposed: Keep applications on file and pull from them as non-annual vacancies occur.

#### **I. Adjournment**

Heather adjourned the meeting at 1:01 pm.

Submitted by  
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary