

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES**  
**MEETING MINUTES – 3/4/2020 – Draft 2**  
**AMES CITY HALL, ROOM 135**

**Present:** Olivia Madison (Chair), Penny Adam, Erica Briest, Cathy Carlyle, Matthew Corones, Angie DeWaard, Kerry Dixon (Treasurer), Karen George, Claire Kruesel (Secretary), Brian Phillips (Interim City Liaison—Assistant City Manager), Sara Sherman (Vice-Chair), James (Jim) Surber, Andrew Ward

**Absent:** Paola Sepulveda

**Public Forum/Guests:**

- Brad Becker, Traffic Supervisor for City of Ames
- Donald Kom, Director of City of Ames Electric Services
- Nicholas Lehde, graduate student from Iowa State University in Anthropology (specialty: art interpretation)
- Deb Schildroth, Assistant City Manager

**A. Call to Order (Olivia Madison, Chair)**—Olivia called the meeting to order at 12:00.

**B. Approval of 2/12/2020 Minutes (Claire Kruesel, Secretary)**

Cathy moved and Angie seconded to approve the minutes, which passed unanimously.

**C. Approval of 3/4/2020 Agenda**

PAC approved the agenda.

**D. Treasurer’s Report (Kerry Dixon, Treasurer)**

1. Kerry shared that PAC’s 2020 FY budget is prepared to fund the year’s projects.
2. Neighborhood Art selected four pieces.
  - a. Three currently confirmed with artists as available (awaiting confirmation of fourth); locations were confirmed by the City for these pieces:
    - 1) “Spiky Smooth” (intersection of Cochrane and S. Dakota)
    - 2) “Monolith” (south roundabout on University Blvd, intersecting with Cottonwood)
    - 3) “Loop” (Hunziker Youth Sports Complex)
    - 4) “Dance #nowaste” (S. Duff; Note: Flo is being placed in the Chestnut median, so we may start expanding art in this area).
3. Total acquisition costs are \$22,205 and budget has \$30,000 allocated.
4. The committee involved in this process included Erica, Kerry, and Angie. Thank you!
5. Motion to purchase these four pieces carried unanimously. Kerry will send confirmed prices to Brian to include in the City Council Agenda.

**E. Public Forum**—Brad Becker, Donald Kom, and Deb Schildroth discussed electrical boxes project (See NB-2).

**F. Chair’s Report and Comments (Olivia Madison)**—Due to a packed agenda, Olivia moved on to OB.

**G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Brian Phillips)**—Brian reported that

1. The Council’s budget will be finalized next week, and he’ll report back next month as to it may support local art.
2. The Council will hold a workshop on April 21 (6 p.m. in Council chambers) titled “Arts in the Ames Community.” Sara will attend and Olivia encouraged PAC members to join Sara as well.

3. Pat Brown continues to be interested in progressing public art presence on S. Duff. Kerry confirmed, and Brian will share with Pat, that “Flo” and “Dance #nowaste” will be placed soon.

#### **H. Old Business**

1. PAC projects and initiatives looking forward to FY20, FY21 and FY22—no discussion
2. Black Arts Festival & Music Festival – Outcome of Selected Artists and Artwork for City Purchase (Sara Sherman)—
  - a. Sara reported that the artists agreed to hold our selected pieces. PAC awaits approval of the purchases by City Council; Olivia will send Kerry photos to use in the acquisition form.
  - b. Angie, Brian, Claire, and Karen will examine possible City Hall locations for placement. Brian noted that City Hall is working to remove wallpaper, which may temporarily affect art placement.
  - c. Cathy suggested showcasing the pieces in a very public space for a few weeks before finding them a more permanent home. Kerry mentioned the display cabinet just inside the entrance doors (Olivia and Brian will look into that location). Olivia suggested organizing a public ceremony with the two artists and invited guests, including Mayor John Haile and Sheila Schofer, Director of Ames Public Library. Claire suggested recording artists for posting online. Sara will help arrange the event.
3. Town and Gown through the Arts—no discussion
4. Chamber of Commerce/Mural Project—Drew Kemp confirmed (via e-mail to Claire) that an RFP has gone out; he will update PAC with any developments.
5. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual EcoFair celebration (4-25-20) – Update for Birdhouse Display, City Hall Courtyard—Jim will work with Kerry on this project (i.e. selecting some birdhouses to place in courtyard during EcoFair). Once the birdhouses are in place, we will arrange for photographing them as part of the celebration.
6. Tedesco Parkway—Sara shared that they want to be involved in selection as much as possible. She will share this year’s already-selected pieces and gather their input.
7. Proposed Gift – Ames International Partner Cities Association (Email / Lisa Shen, Chair AIPCA)—Olivia will share with Brian a placement idea (from Kerry and her) in the sister city cabinet across the hall from the City Chambers.
8. Other—no discussion

#### **I. New Business**

1. Potential Joint Collaboration with the Ames Community Arts Council (ACAC) regarding a public mural (Penny Adam)—Penny confirmed continued interest in placing a mural, but location has not yet been decided.
2. Transformer Cabinet Mural Project Proposal (Deb Schildroth, Assistant City Manager)—
  - a. Deb shared inspiration from Fort Collins, Colorado, discussed her vision for the project and invited PAC to share how they might want to be involved in the project. She will share more details with Olivia to consider at the next meeting.
  - b. Brad (Traffic Supervisor) shared considerations from his perspective in traffic:
    - 1) The cabinets contain sensitive equipment that can be affected by heat, so the project should not increase internal cabinet temperature.
    - 2) The cabinets should remain visible and not blend in too much to avoid damage from snowplows or other maintenance vehicles.

- c. Donald (Electric Director) shared considerations from his perspective in electric:
    - 1) Most cabinets cannot be turned off and will need to be painted when “live.”
    - 2) Some cabinets have “fins” on the back which may complicate painting.
    - 3) Donald echoed Brad’s concerns about avoiding internal temperature increases.
    - 4) Cabinets have stickers that must remain visible.
    - 5) Some cabinets are hinged to be movable, so artists should not inhibit hinges.
  - d. PAC discussed further ideas and concerns for this project, such as paint vs. wraps and possible locations (note: The City wants to first pursue downtown locations as a pilot).
  - e. PAC members Andrew (lead), Jim, and Matthew will work with Deb (along with any new-in-April members who might be interested) to first identify options for implementation which would include finding out from other Fort Collins and other similar city/community projects for ideas regarding community involvement, identification of artists, methods (e.g., wraps or paint), long-term upkeep, etc. Following obtaining feedback, decisions will be finalized for the pilot project.
2. **Other: Orientation for New Members**—Cathy echoed Matthew’s previous suggestion from our last meeting that new members be oriented to how the committee works. She also mentioned the value of a master document that would specify common acronyms and contacts.

**B. Commission Committees, Liaison Reports, and Comments**

- 1. **Outreach (Sara Sherman and Erica Briest, Co-Chairs)**—no discussion beyond OB/NB
  - a. Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE)
  - b. Neighborhood Sculpture
- 2. **Public Relations (Paola Sepulveda and Kerry Dixon, Co-Chairs)**—no discussion beyond OB/NB
  - a. Festival & Event Participation FY2020 and FY2021
  - b. Chamber of Commerce magazine article (K. Dixon)
- 3. **Collection Management (Angie DeWaard and Olivia Madison, Co-Chairs)**—no discussion beyond OB/NB
  - a. City Hall Art Placement/Signage
  - b. PAC Collection Management Database/System

**C. For the Good of the Order (Olivia Madison)**—The next PAC meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, April 1st at 12 pm in 135 Ames City Hall. This will be a joint meeting with the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 memberships. Sara Sherman will assume the PAC Chairship at the meeting.

**D. Adjournment (Olivia Madison)**

Olivia adjourned the meeting at 1:08 pm.

Submitted by  
Claire Kruesel, PAC Secretary