

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES
MEETING MINUTES – September 2, 2020
HELD VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

Present: Penny Adam (Secretary), Erica Briest, Angie DeWaard (Vice Chair), Karen George (Treasurer), Claire Kruesel, Olivia Madison, Brian Phillips (Interim City Liaison), James (Jim) Surber, Andrew Ward, Candace Zwank

Absent: Sara Sherman (Chair), Taylor Carlson, Amanda Gigler, Paola Sepulveda

Public Forum/Guests: none in attendance

- A. Call to Order** – Angie DeWaard, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.
- B. Approval of September 2, 2020 Agenda** – Angie DeWaard, Vice-Chair
Erica Briest moved and Claire Kruesel seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved with no changes or corrections.
- C. Approval of August 5, 2020 Minutes** – Penny Adam, Secretary
Jim Surber moved and Olivia Madison seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved with no changes or corrections.
- D. Treasurer’s Report** – Karen George, Treasurer
Karen George reviewed the treasury report and present balance. There is a new line item category called Public Art Administration; this consists of Education & Information, Archive & Maintenance, Public Relations, and Operating Expenses.
- E. Public Forum** – no discussion today.
- F. Chair’s Report and Comments** – no discussion today.
- G. City of Ames Liaison Comments** – Brian Phillips, interim Liaison
1. Today’s PAC meeting is the last on the current Zoom platform. Due to security updates by Zoom, future PAC meetings will be held as webinars. This security change does not impact the Celebration Planning meetings being held as they use an access security pass.
- H. Old Business**
1. Black Arts Festival & Music Festival
 - a. Regarding a temporary public viewing location Olivia Madison offers the City Conference Room as consideration for this activity as it is a publicly accessible location. Other possible locations include the base of the stairwell and / or near where utilities are paid. A virtual exhibit, placed on the City’s website, may be another option. Angie DeWaard may send an email to the PAC members to gather

additional input. Also, Olivia Madison may stop by the City Hall and observe additional options bringing them to the next PAC meeting.

2. PAC projects, initiatives, events looking forward to FY20, FY21, and FY22
 - a. Celebration Planning for 25th Year of AAOSE and 30th Year of PAC
 - i. The Central Planning Committee met on September 1 with Olivia Madison, Sara Sherman, Angie DeWaard, Erica Briest, Claire Kruesel, Heather Johnson, and Bob Kindred were in attendance; Kerry Dixon was unable to attend. There was good discussion on planning efforts.
 - ii. Committee report after initial meeting on Sept 1, 2020
 - 1) Olivia and Angie have started a spreadsheet to capture and prioritize ideas. All PAC members are encouraged to send ideas to Olivia and Angie.

I. New Business

1. Dahlquist light features downtown
 - a. Currently reaching out to various contacts regarding quotes for repair of both the brick and steel elements. Sara Sherman has been reaching out to potential contractors to request quotes for repairs. Receiving quotes for repairs may indicate how quickly this is addressed.
 - b. Olivia Madison suggests this item is placed on a back burner to direct focus to the celebration planning efforts and other more urgent items. Perhaps a contest is launched to redesign / replace these light features to gather input on ideas and how Ames residents generally view these light features. Angie DeWaard and Brian Phillips will work to develop a post for the City's social media and / or something on the City's website. It was suggested to contact Susan Gwaisda for additional public interaction ideas.
2. Tim Adams Sculpture, "Resonance" and "Other Extreme", the two pieces formerly located in Tom Evans Plaza
 - a. The Artist has asked whether PAC has plans to display these works elsewhere or if they are being decommissioned. If decommissioning, he has stated he would take them back. Angie DeWaard's thoughts are these art works are owned and are being repaired. Olivia Madison verified ownership is by the City, further research is needed to determine if they can be relocated. Brian Phillips looked further into this transaction and finds there is a purchase agreement allowing PAC to relocate the "Other Extreme" sculpture. He will continue looking into the agreement regarding "Resonance".
 - b. Suggestions include reinstalling these art pieces elsewhere in the City, possibly the Children's Miracle Park. If these sculptures can be relocated, Erica Briest suggests braille is added to the description. Perhaps a sound loop can also be added.
 - c. Claire Kruesel asks if a special call for artists is needed for placement in the Children's Miracle Park as use in this location may be a bit different than other installations. This seems like a wonderfully interactive and inclusive opportunity. Can this be an initiative as part of the Celebration Planning? Brian adds once the Children's Miracle Park is completed it is turned over the Parks and Rec for maintenance, he encourages conversation with them on art installation(s).

J. Commission Committees, Liaison Reports, and Comments

1. **Outreach** (Olivia Madison and Erica Briest Co-Chairs; Andrew Ward, Penny Adam, Candace Zwank, and Amanda Gigler)
 - a. Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE)
 - i. Updates and installation of 2020/2021 sculptures
 - ii. Update on new brochures / fliers
 - b. Neighborhood Sculpture
 - i. Sculpture installations are taking place.
 - ii. Contact Susan Gwaisda about writing a press release announcing the deadline to apply for Neighborhood Sculpture from our 2020 AAOSE collection, deadline for applications is December 15, 2020.
 - c. Transformer Cabinet mural project proposal update
 - i. Ideas on possibly incorporating this into our Anniversary Celebrations
 - ii. Possibility of incorporating this into Neighborhood Art or Arts in the Parks
2. **Public Relations** (Paola Sepulveda as Chair; Taylor Carlson and Sara Sherman)
 - a. Festival & Event participation for FY21
 - b. Brochure / PR decision on how to best move forward
3. **Collection Management** (Angie DeWaard and James Surber as Co-Chairs; Olivia Madison, Claire Kruesel, and Karen George)
 - a. City Hall art placement and signage, removal and installation
 - b. PAC Collection Management database system. Angie DeWaard has learned there is a CD with professional level images of the artwork available on this and will follow-up.
 - c. Claire Kruesel brings to the group there is a crack in the sphere in the sculpture outside the Library. She will send a photo of this to the Collection Management team.

K. For the Good of the Order

1. Angie DeWaard, Vice-Chair, asks for motion to adjourn. Erica Briest moved and James Surber seconded.
2. The next PAC meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 12:00 noon in 135 Ames City Hall (or via Zoom virtual meeting).

L. Adjournment – Angie DeWaard, Vice-Chair

Angie DeWaard adjourned the meeting at 12:49 pm.

Submitted by
Penny Adam, PAC Secretary