

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION, CITY OF AMES

MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2020

HELD VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Sara Sherman (Chair), Penny Adam (Secretary), Erica Briest, Taylor Carlson, Angie DeWaard (Vice Chair), Karen George (Treasurer), Amanda Gigler, Claire Kruesel, Olivia Madison, Brian Phillips (Interim City Liaison), Andrew Ward, Candace Zwank

Absent: Paola Sepulveda, James (Jim) Surber

Public Forum/Guests: no guests in attendance

A. Call to Order—Sara Sherman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:08.

B. Approval of October 7, 2020 Agenda (Sara Sherman, Chair)

Erica Briest moved and Olivia Madison seconded to approve the agenda; no changes are needed.

C. Approval of September 2, 2020 Minutes (Penny Adam, Secretary)

Olivia Madison moved and Claire Kruesel seconded to approve the minutes; no changes are needed.

D. Treasurer’s Report (Karen George, Treasurer)

1. One expense to report, Salary/Wages/Benefits, for work on public art.

E. Public Forum—N/A

F. Chair’s Report and Comments (Sara Sherman)

1. The Celebration Planning Committee has met, comments are provided under Old Business, item 2.
2. Paola is taking a temporary leave of absence from PAC due to illness. With the Commission already short one person, Brian Phillips will speak with the Mayor about reinstating Cathy Carlyle per Olivia Madison’s suggestion.

G. City of Ames Liaison Comments (Brian Phillips, interim Liaison)

Friday, Oct 9 at 4:00 is the ribbon cutting for the new mural at the west end of Main street.

H. Old Business

1. Black Arts Festival & Music Festival art works

- a. Discussion took place on locating these art works for public viewing. The consensus is to look at utilizing the lobby display cases which will offer more protection to the art works. Brian Phillips

points out there is a display schedule however a portion of the space could be shared with these art works; he may look into this. If it's possible to share display case space Sara Sherman asks if these pieces can be scheduled for display in February which is Black History Month; Brian will check this as well. As an alternative it was suggested to exhibit the works on easels in the Conference Room (Room 135).

2. PAC projects, initiatives, and events looking forward to FY20, FY21 and FY22
 - a. Celebration Planning: 25th Year of AAOSE and 30th Year of PAC
 - i. Committee for Planning: Olivia Madison (Chair), Sara Sherman, Angie DeWaard, Erica Briest, Claire Kruesel
 1. Additional Contributors: Kerry Dixon, Heather Johnson, Bob Kindred
 - ii. Minutes for Planning Committee report are retained separately, topics from the discussion during the PAC meeting are listed here:
 1. Existing art and accessibility / access
 2. AAOSE
 3. Neighborhood Art
 4. Art in the Parks
 5. Art Appreciation events with City art partners (including performing arts)
 6. School based events for youth
 7. Reaching out to the Community

I. New Business

1. Two topics, the identification piers at downtown street corners and the Dahlquist light features
 - a. Brian Phillips has received information from Ames Main Street on repairs to the identification piers (20 +/- of these at street corners). Brian finds the piers are considered Right of Way with the terra cotta art being attached to them. The question is whether, or not, to retain and repair the piers; this would be a project run by the appropriate City office.
 - b. The Dahlquist light features, a separate and more expensive repair project, are a PAC discussion. If the light features were decommissioned it is thought City staff can do this work. The light features are not streetlights so would not need to be replaced.
 - c. PAC will resume this discussion, on both the piers and the light features, at the next meeting.
2. Tim Adams Sculpture "Resonance"
 - a. The artist has reached out to ask whether there are plans to display "Resonance" elsewhere, or if it has been decommissioned. If decommissioned, he has stated he would take it back.
 - b. PAC has learned that during removal from Tom Evans Park these pieces were damaged, likely a costly repair.
 - c. After discussion PAC determined to decommission "Resonance"; Olivia Madison moves to decommission, Angie DeWaard seconds the motion. Decommission is approved by majority vote.

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) – refer to Old Business, item 2
 - i. Call for artists is nearly completed for the next AAOSE installation; deadline will be January 29. PAC members can start to think of possible Jurors for the selection committee.
- b. Neighborhood Sculpture
 - i. The sculpture “Monolith” (roundabout on University) is installed but not on the requested pedestal. This is concerning as the grasses surrounding it are tall and obstruct view of the sculpture. Angie DeWaard makes the motion, Sara Sherman seconds it, to look further into the installation and learn of costs to reinstall on a pedestal.
 - ii. The following sculptures have been installed: “Loop” (Hunziker Youth Sports Complex), “DanceNoWaste” (South Duff and Chestnut), and “Spiky Smooth” (South Dakota and Cochrane)
 - iii. Press release announcing the deadline to apply for Neighborhood Sculpture from our 2020 AAOSE Collection; deadline is December 15

2. **Public Relations** (Paola Sepulveda as Chair; Taylor Carlson, and Sara Sherman)

- a. Festival & event participation for FY2021
 - i. ArtWalk takes place on Thursday October 8; PAC is not participating this year given the covid-19 environment.
- b. Brochure – Taylor Carlson provides an update on the sculpture brochure. She is working on the brochure and will get a draft to PAC members soon for review.

3. **Collection Management** (Angie DeWaard and James Surber as Co-Chairs; Olivia Madison, Claire Kruesel, and Karen George)

- a. City Hall Art Placement & Signage, removal and installation is taking place
- b. PAC Collection Management Database System

K. For the Good of the Order—The next PAC meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, November 4 with logistics to be determined.

L. Adjournment (Chair)

Sara adjourned the meeting at 1:18 pm.

Submitted by
Penny Adam, PAC Secretary