

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

Present: Sara Sherman (Chair), Penny Adam (Secretary), Taylor Carlson, Angie DeWaard (Vice Chair), Karen George (Treasurer), Amanda Gigler, Claire Kruesel, Olivia Madison, Brian Phillips (Interim City Liaison), Paola Sepulveda, James (Jim) Surber, Candace Zwank

Absent: Erica Briest, Andrew Ward

Public Forum/Guests: There were no guests in attendance

A. Call to Order—Sara Sherman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

B. Approval of December 2, 2020 Agenda (Sara Sherman, Chair)

Taylor Carlson moved and Penny Adam seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved with no changes or corrections.

C. Approval of November 4, 2020 Minutes (Penny Adam, Secretary)

Amanda Gigler moved and Angie DeWaard seconded to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved with no changes or corrections.

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

The treasury report was approved with no changes or corrections, there were no changes from last month.

E. Public Forum There was no discussion

F. Chair’s Report and Comments (Sara Sherman) There was no discussion

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

1. A reminder / press release is going out to Ames residents of the application for AAOSE sculpture in neighborhoods. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2020.
2. Brian Phillips received a phone call from Danielle Gehr (815.527.1464), with the Ames Tribune, who would like to do an article about PAC and wants to interview a PAC member. Olivia Madison will give Danielle a call.
3. Space in the display cabinets is reserved for PAC’s use in February; Sara Sherman will set up this display. Olivia Madison suggests including a video and information on the artists’ statements and intent; Brian can facilitate production of a video.

H. Old Business

1. Deaccession of “Resonance” on Consent Agenda for November 12, 2020 City Council Meeting
 - a. Brian Phillips updates the group this deaccession was approved at the November 12, 2020 City Council Meeting. “Resonance” has been removed.

2. PAC projects, initiatives, events looking forward to FY20, FY21, FY22
 - a. Celebration Planning; 25th Year of AAOSE, 30th Year of PAC Planning Committee includes Olivia Madison (chair), Sara Sherman, Angie DeWaard, Erica Briest, Claire Kruesel with additional contribution by Kerry Dixon, Heather Johnson, Bob Kindred
 1. Olivia Madison will send information separately to PAC membership to enlist help on Subcommittees, see following list. After PAC has engaged with their support participation can be opened up to other Departments and Groups within the City.
 - i. Social Media Selfie Scavenger Hunt
 - ii. Moore Memorial Park sculpture garden
 - iii. Chalk the Walk at The Octagon
 - iv. Youth Art Contest, display at City Hall Gymnasium
 - v. Live mural painting
 2. Angie DeWaard asks about budget coverage of these Subcommittees; Sara Sherman will bring budgetary information to the next Celebration Planning meeting.
 3. Olivia will be adding a celebratory dinner to the planning efforts.

I. New Business

1. Artist Workspace Partnership with COTA and The Octagon, discussion
 - a. Candace Zwank is supportive of The Octagon's proposal and recalls past discussion of scholarship(s) for artists. Discussion ensued and determined to renew consideration at a future meeting.
 - b. Olivia Madison, too, is supportive of The Octagon's proposal and asks Brian for additional information on next steps for The Octagon. A recommendation to City Council, by PAC, is needed for the approval process. Angie DeWaard is also in favor of supporting The Octagon's proposal. Olivia suggests Heather Johnson attends the next PAC meeting to present their proposal and will invite her to attend.
2. Tedesco Learning Corridor
 - a. Jerry Keys has asked about adding the pads, located at Tedesco, to the AAOSE call for artists however as this is a County Park PAC cannot place art there.
 - b. Sara Sherman described this opportunity and opened it up for discussion. Olivia Madison suggests Tedesco is given opportunity to consider artwork submitted to AAOSE but not on PAC's list of finalists.

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)
 1. Olivia Madison made a motion requesting approval of these individuals for inclusion on this jury panel: Kerry Dixon (as chair), Mary James, Kevin Stow, and Lisa Teske. James Surber seconds the motion, this passed with majority vote. Olivia and the jury panel will meet in early 2021 to launch the review process.
 - b. Neighborhood Sculpture

1. Invite community members to apply for Neighborhood Sculpture from the 2020 AAOSE Collection; deadline is December 15, 2020
 - i. A press release was issued, as a reminder to Neighborhoods, to apply for AAOSE art.
 - ii. Selections must be approved by Risk Management, Traffic, and other City departments
2. Transformer Cabinet Mural Project Proposal (James Surber, Andrew Ward)
 - i. James will write a summary, with cost estimate, of what is needed to move this project forward as a part of the Neighborhood art program. He will share this document with the members of PAC for review and comment. When it is ready Brian Phillips can take the summary to the City Council asking for input and direction.
 - ii. This project may be a good alternative for neighborhoods where a sculpture may not make sense. It is thought a wrap is a more effective solution than painting the cabinets.
2. **Public Relations** (Paola Sepulveda as Chair, Taylor Carlson, and Sara Sherman)
 - a. Festival and Event participation for calendar year 2021
 1. Artwalk, June 2021
 2. Reiman Gardens, July 2021
 3. Octagon Art Festival, September 2021
 4. These events will need PAC member participation to staff the booth, dependent on status of the coronavirus situation.
 - b. Taylor Carlson has completed the new AAOSE brochure, it is ready for printing and distribution.
3. **Collection Management** (Angie DeWaard and James Surber as Co-Chairs; Olivia Madison, Claire Kruesel, and Karen George)
 - a. Status of PAC Collection Management database, Angie DeWaard has located a CD containing images of inventory that can be used in the database. She has taken photographs of art and will identify what images may still be needed for the database. Candace Zwank volunteered to assist with the images needed.
 - b. Olivia Madison asks about the “Improbable Balance” sculpture near the Library and whether anyone has made a visual observation of a perceived crack in the sphere that holds the beam. Sara Sherman will stop by this sculpture to take another look. Brian Phillips locates the warranty information; this was purchased in 2018 and has a 10-year warranty.
 - c. Status of City Hall Art placement and signage, no discussion
 - d. Dahlquist Light features, downtown; no discussion, deferred to a future meeting

K. For the Good of the Order

1. The next PAC meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 12:00 noon with logistics to be determined.
2. Candace Zwank asks about PAC purchases of equipment for purpose of applying QR codes to art works located outdoors in the elements. Brian Phillips indicates a request needs to be written, including a cost estimate, for presentation to the City’s Purchasing Department. Sara Sherman will add this topic to next month’s agenda for further discussion.

L. Adjournment (Chair)

Sara Sherman adjourned the meeting at 1:01pm.

Submitted by
Penny Adam, PAC Secretary