

## Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville

June 28, 2017

### ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE (APPC) PROJECT REPORT

#### DIA Urban Arts Projects

38 pieces of streetscape public art have been installed throughout the Phase I section of downtown as designated by the Downtown Investment Authority. The final cataloging documents for each project are under final review by the conservator team and staff has prepared the next phase disbursement documents to present to the DIA in order to receive funding for Phase II of the DIA project. A presentation of the 38 installed artworks for Phase I was presented to the June DDRB meeting by Christina Parrish and Mason Martin. To replace Kerri Stewart on the Art Selection Panel, Teresa Eichner, Capital Improvement Plan Administrator, Finance and Administration, was appointed by the CAO as the new COJ Appointed Department Representative for Phase II.

#### Courthouse Art Project

Transfer of funds from the City of Jacksonville (COJ) reserves into the Art Trust Fund account has occurred, allowing the project to proceed. Optimize coordination efforts with other city project plans and improvements in the area.

Law and Liberty: Two large bronze relief sculptures "Law and Liberty" have been salvaged from the old courthouse and are intended to be reinstalled in the New Courthouse. After reviewing a revised less complex design from the architect, three potential contractors declined the project. As a result, a budget estimate for a frame fabrication was solicited from one of the sculpture ateliers in NYC to be presented to the judges and private funder for consideration.

#### Water Street Parking Structure Art

COJ has completed initial site preparations by pressure washing the surface of the garage. The Artist Contract draft with project specifications is currently under COJ review and nearing completion. Once complete, the draft will be submitted to the three semi-finalists to initiate the design proposal phase, and extend the deadline to at least 2 months from the date of receipt of the Artist Contract draft. The ASP will review the proposals, and the next ASP meeting will follow thereafter. Date TBD.

#### Cuba Hunter Park Artwork

Transfer of funds from the COJ reserves into the Art Trust Fund account has now occurred. Interface and information gathering with the Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association, stakeholders, and other site and community resources are ongoing. ASP formation is in progress.

#### Winton Drive and Bob Hayes/Legends Community Center Artwork Project

The ASP Chair and CCGJ staff continues to identify candidates appropriate for the ASP specific to the community and neighborhood where the project will be located. A second APP project at the Bob Hayes/Legends Community Center, located in the neighborhood, will be initiated along with Winton Drive utilizing the ASP for both projects.

#### Community Downtown Sculpture Initiative

One Enterprise Center - New building owner expected by end of June, and will need their site preparation support prior to moving forward with installation. Farah and Farah, Adams and Main - site preparation work is underway. At the May APPC meeting, Farah and Farah, Laura at Forsyth – "Tropical Flower" a proposed new commission, was up for approval as a gift to the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville and the APP collection. The APPC voted 6-1 rejecting the proposal, raising concerns about the relationship of the artwork to the site location and accessibility. It is stated that obstacles like this could be avoided with a city-wide Arts Master Plan. Currently, there is no continuous vision to provide context for new public art commissions. Bay and Newnan - under discussion with site owner on unique sculpture opportunity on this vacant parcel.

(Note Tropical Flower: accessibility, i.e. sidewalk restriction per discussion, is not in the criteria for APPC consideration and had already been approved by Public Works, the responsible COJ department.)

#### Deinstallation of Public Art

CCGJ is working with COJ and project contractors on the deinstallation, storage, and reinstallation of 3 APP artworks: The Memorial to the Great Fire, River Runner, and Female Runner. Efforts are underway to add new lighting fixtures to the redesign and construction drawings for this COJ project. This will illuminate the Runners (not part of the original design) and relight the interior of the Fire Memorial. Additional maintenance and plaque replacement will be completed in 2018.

#### Conservation and Maintenance

Mirrored River repairs are completed by Roux Art, and the artwork will be assessed twice a year. A Request for Proposals for maintenance and conservation of priority 1 and 2 artworks and memorials in the APP collection has been delayed. It will now be issued in late June, early July. CCGJ continues to review Conservation Report assessments and available maintenance funding. Projects to be approved and completed for the first cycle of conservation will be determined based on responses to the RFP. APPC will review estimated costs relative to the artwork's total value during the July APPC Conservation, Maintenance and Deaccession Policy workshop

#### Acceptance of Gifts

Policy development for the acceptance of gifts continues. This is informed by the first two gift proposal reviews by the APPC. Working with COJ, the donor, APPC and CCGJ will solidify a clear and complete set of COJ-APP defined procedures for the consideration of new gift requests to the Mayor and the APP collection. SPAR held a dedication ceremony for the community to celebrate the installation of "Giraffe" on May 12 at Klutho Park.

#### APP Ordinance

CCGJ is working with COJ to revise the APP ordinance in a continuous effort to reflect current and best practices in public art administration. A team of Jacksonville lawyers representing artists, agencies, and the City, advised on Copyright and Ownership laws. Changes to the APP ordinance will be reflected in the Artist Contract currently under COJ review. Rules for COJ Procurement methods will be further defined.

#### APP Committee Nominations

Jackie Cornelius has been unanimously approved by the Rules Committee to serve as the incoming CCGJ Board member, seat 2 on the APPC. Following full council approval and the Mayor's signature, Jackie will replace David Engdahl. Aaron Garvey - Art Professional seat was approved by unanimous vote during the Rules Committee meeting on 6/20. Full Council vote is on June 27. The new Community Representative seat for Planning District 6 is open and nominations are being solicited at this time.

#### Art in Public Places Internships

APP internships are thriving after 7 consecutive years. This summer, BA, BFA and MFA students from UNF, FSU and SCAD are in CCGJ offices for a minimum of 15 hrs per week. Responsibilities include artist, community, and maintenance research, archiving, graphic design and presentations, collections management and site visits.