



ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2017

Don Davis Room, City Hall
117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Attendees: Cory Driscoll, David Engdahl, Mico Fuentes, Mary Harvey, Lea Mahan, Christina Parrish Stone (Chair), Suzanne Pickett, JaMario Stills, Tracie Thornton, Office of General Council Lawsikia Hodges, Christie Holechek, Zachary Mease, Ashley Sedghi-Khoi

Call to Order: Christina Parrish, quorum of 5 members

ACTION ITEMS

April Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Lea Mahan to approve April Meeting Minutes. SECONDED by Suzanne Pickett. All in favor, none opposed.

DIA Phase 2 Art Selection Panel Substitutes

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) has provided clarification of the APP ordinance in that the Art in Public Places Committee (APPC) approves the Art Selection Panel (ASP) candidates and that the language allows for either the APPC or ASP to determine the purchasing method for new commissions. Christina notes that APPC solicits applications for the APPC and the ASPs, but the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville (CCGJ) staff manages the list of candidates and processes applicants – as the process is too lengthy for a committee. Lawsikia Hodges (OGC) recommends there be more action from committee in this process— stating that the APPC should be careful not to subject staff to Sunshine Laws, and that final approval of the candidate list must happen through a motion. Christie Holechek states that there has not yet been a motion to determine how the list of nominees is approved and that it is most efficient for CCGJ staff to determine selections and make recommendations of the most appropriate candidates based on individual public art projects and candidate strengths. APPC recommendations of ASP candidates to CCGJ staff are encouraged.

MOTION by Dave Engdahl for the Committee to approve ASP candidates based on the recommended candidate list made by CCGJ staff which was previously approved by the Committee. SECONDED by Cory Driscoll. All in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment:

Patrick Fisher
Sharla Valeski
Aaron Garvey

MOTION by Dave Engdahl to approve Hana Ferguson, Jason Honeycutt, and Mark Creegan as candidates for DIA Phase II ASP. SECONDED by Suzanne Pickett. All in favor, none opposed.

Downtown Community Sculpture Initiative – design presented by David Engdahl for approval:

Dave states that “Tropical Flower” a proposed new commission of the Downtown Community Sculpture Initiative with Farah & Farah is up for approval as a gift to the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville and the APP collection. The APPC will

review the gift proposal, and the City must approve the sculpture specifications and location because it would be installed on the city right-of-way (Laura St at Forsyth St). The criteria for acceptance of public art into the APP collection either as a new acquisition or a gift is developed from 126.902 Public Art Standards in the APP ordinance. Dave states that 10% of the budget for the sculpture is allocated for Art in Public Places (APP), for the Cultural Council to manage the administrative process.

Various committee members raise concern for the sculpture in context to the adjacent building and to other public art in the vicinity, including Tracie Thornton (via letter read by the chair) and that there are other areas within the core that need artwork. Christina expresses that the sculpture is imposing on the accessibility for pedestrian usage of the sidewalk and that there is less than 2 feet between the basement-access panels, and the base of the sculpture. The APPC considers the sculpture's location on the sidewalk, and the public's interaction within that space. Dave notes that the sculpture was considered for the location of the electrical box, but it costs at least \$25,000 to move the box. He adds that Farah & Farah would like art connected to their buildings and states 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.

There is concern that there should be a preliminary review before city departments put work into the project, such as obtaining right-of-way permits and reviewing sculpture and base engineering plans. Christina states that a preliminary process was adopted after this project had started. Lawsikia states that she can obtain a more formalized and written approval process from the Mayor's Office.

Public Comment:

Aaron Garvey

MOTION by Dave Engdahl to accept the Downtown Community Sculpture Initiative gift. SECONDED by Suzanne Pickett. Dave in favor, JaMario, Christina, Lea, Mico, Cory, and Suzanne opposed. NOT APPROVED

Christina states that the APPC is out of time, and that remaining business will be moved to the next meeting. This includes the following items:

1. Courthouse
 - a. Art Selection Method – site visit, other public art examples:

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community Representative – Planning District 6 vacancy
2. Conservation and Maintenance – Deaccession Policy

IMPORTANT DATES:

SPAR Dedication Ceremony “Giraffe,” May 12, Klutho Park, 5pm

Every Single Artist Lounge: June 6, Cummer Museum

Next APPC meeting: June 7, 2017, 12-1:30pm (NEW LOCATION: Don Davis Room, City Hall)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Garvey

Adjournment