



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

**Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Public Art Committee
March 4, 2021**

This meeting took place via teleconference.

A recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-W3fUSvw4>

Committee Members Present: Jane Alvis (chair), Campbell West (Commissioner), Alejandro Acierto, Omari Booker, Donna Gilliam, David Jon Walker

Staff: Van Maravalli, Tré Hardin, Atilio Murga, Anne-Leslie Owens, Emily Waltenbaugh, Grace Wright

A. Call to Order

Chair Alvis called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and made a roll call of all members present.

B. Vote on Governor's Executive Order No. 78

A motion that the meeting agenda constitutes essential business of this body and meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans considering the COVID-19 outbreak and is permitted under the Governor's Executive Order number 78 was offered by Alejandro Acierto, Commissioner West seconded.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

C. Welcome – Van Maravalli, Public Art Manager

Van Maravalli welcomed everyone to the meeting. She updated the Committee they will not be able to approve minutes. Since there is a backlog staff will be in touch about reviewing the past minutes and approving them all at the next meeting.

Van also took time to announce the departure of David Jon Walker from the Public Art Committee to the Arts Commission. She recognized and thanked him for his service.

D. Action Items

1. PAC member nominations

Van proposed two Public Art Committee members: Sara Lee Burd and Shaun Giles.

A motion to appoint Sara Lee Burd and Shaun Giles to the Public Art Committee was offered by Commissioner West, Omari Booker seconded.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

2. Kossie Gardner Sr. Park Project Scope

Tré Hardin presented an update to the Committee regarding the project scope and call to artist worked on by the Community Advisory Panel.

The proposed project vision and goals include:

- Multi-Generational Representation
- Historical Content
- Promote and Inspire Community Wellness
- A Space for Gathering
- Partnership and Programing

The call to artists opens March 8, 2021 and will close April 5, 2021 at 11:59pm. The call details include:

- Professional artists and artist teams working or living in Nashville Davidson County
- Short Answer Application Questions
- Selection Criteria:
 - Community Connection/Commitment
 - Artwork Examples
 - Short Answer Response
 - Artist Capacity

After the call to artists closes, the initial review and selection of semi-finalists (3-5) will take place in April 2021. The semi-finalist interviews and site visits will take place in May 2021 along with the final artist selection. Project development and install is expected to be implemented Late Spring/Early Summer 2021.

Chair Alvis asked if there was any discussion.

A motion to approve of Kossie Gardner Sr. Park Community Canvas Selection Criteria and Project Scope was offered by Donna Gilliam, Commissioner West seconded.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

3. Thrive Public Art Funding Recommendation

Marysa LaRowe presented to the Committee the projects recommended for the proposed funding with public art elements for Cycle 2 of FY21 Thrive:

- Madison Seed Library; Recommended Allocation: \$9,500

Chair Alvis asked if there was any discussion.

A motion to approve of proposed Thrive projects with public art elements:

- ***Madison Seed Library***

was offered by Alejandro Acierto, Commissioner West seconded.

Roll call vote was taken, all members present voted, and all votes were affirmative.

E. Project and Program Updates

1. Stix Lighting Improvement

Anne-Leslie updated the Committee on the progress of the *Stix* lighting re-design. Tao Y. Ham of HGA Lighting was awarded the contract and is working with artist Christian Moeller. He expects to do an on-site mock-up later this spring.

2. Art Lending Library

Anne-Leslie updated the Committee on the progress of the Art Lending Library project. Artwork has been purchased and photographed and is at the framers. Currently, staff is working with Library and Art Up Nashville to develop artwork display plan and developing short artist interviews/storytelling videos to use on website and social media.

3. Conservator's Report

Anne-Leslie updated the Committee on the ongoing Conservation Report requested by the Metro Council in 2018 to get assessments and cost estimates for certain high-priority Metro-owned artworks not managed by Metro Arts. The contract was awarded to Smith Art Conservation and they have given assessments on 8 sites between October 2020 and January 2021.

Staff will be coordinating with and sharing the report with the Metro departments that own/manage these works.

4. Madison on My Mind NEA Grant

Atilio Murga updated the Committee on Madison Arts Community Survey. The goals of the survey are to understand the Madison arts ecosystem as well as aid and introduce new resources. The target audience is the arts community and creative businesses. The survey will be open for two-months and is offered in English and Spanish.

F. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Alvis adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.