



**Metro Arts Commission
Minutes of the Public Art Committee
April 23, 2021**

This meeting took place via teleconference.
A recording of the meeting can be found here:
https://youtu.be/qct47_vpw00

Committee Members Present: Jane Alvis (Chair), Campbell West (Commissioner), Alejandro Acierto, Omari Booker, Sara Lee Burd, Shaun Giles, 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 11:10 a.m. The Committee has been informed that the roll call can take place during the roll call vote on Governor's Executive Order No. 78.

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 Omari Booker, Commissioner West seconded.

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

C. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2020 – March 4, 2021 was offered by Alejandro Acierto and Omari Booker seconded.

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

D. Welcome – Van Maravalli, Public Art Manager

Van welcomed new Public Art Committee Members Shaun Giles and Sara Lee Burd.

E. Action Items

1. Kossie Gardner Sr. Park Community Canvas Semi-Finalists

Tre Hardin gave a presentation on the proposed semi-finalist for this project recommended by the Community Advisory Panel:

- Woke 3
- Elisheba Israel Mrozik
- doughjoe

Tre also presented to the Committee a timeline for next steps:

Date	Action
April 21 2021	Initial Review/Selection of Semi-Finalists
April 23, 2021	PAC Approval of Semi-Finalists
Week of May 10 2021	Semi-Finalist Interviews
	Final Artist Selection
May 20, 2021	PAC/Metro Arts Commission Approval
Late Spring/Early Summer 2021	Project Development/ Install
Summer 2021	Unveiling/Community Event

Tre invited Alejandro Acierto and Shaun Giles who were on the Community Advisory Panel to share any of their thoughts.

It was highlighted that the panel discussed ways for there to be additional support for artists including workshops or mentorships but felt as if they had landed on three strong candidates for consideration.

The Committee agreed that given the swift timeline, they would authorize the Community Advisory Panel to make the Finalist selection to be approved at the Arts Commission.

A motion to approve the Kossie Gardner Sr. Park Community Canvas Semi-Finalists: Elisheba Israel Mrozik, Woke3 & doughjoe was offered by Omari Booker, Alejandro Acierto seconded.

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

2. Application for Temporary Art on Metro Property - Nashville Tree Foundation Ash Tree Sculpture Project

Anne-Leslie Owens presented the Committee with request by the Nashville Tree Foundation to create temporary art on Metro Parks property to raise awareness about emerald ash borer. She gave background on the threat posed by EAB and an overview of the proposed sites, schedule, design, and further approval process. Both Metro Arts and Metro Parks staff recommend approval of this project. If the Committee recommends approval, the proposal will go to the Parks Board for final approval.

Commissioner Alvis asked or any questions or discussion.

A motion to approve the Nashville Tree Foundation's Ash Tree Sculpture project scope and to give authority to Metro Arts and Parks staff to review and give final approval to sites, artists, and designs and work out project details was offered by Commissioner West, Donna Gilliam seconded.

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

F. Project and Program Updates

There were no project or program updates.

G. Adjourn

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