



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

MINUTES

Public Art Committee

December 8, 2021 2:00PM-3:30PM

Metro Office Building

Nashville Room

800 2nd Ave S

Nashville, TN 37210

If you have any questions, please e-mail arts@nashville.gov.

Committee Members Present: Jane Alvis (Chair), Omari Booker, Shaun Giles, Sara Lee Burd

Committee Members Absent: Campbell West (Commissioner), Donna Gilliam, Jim Schmidt (ex-officio)

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

Guests: Ariana Hodes, Anne Veal

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2021

Chair Alvis asked if there were any questions or changes to the minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes from September 9, 2021 was offered by Sara Burd, Shaun Giles seconded, the motion passed.

C. Welcome

Van Maravalli welcomed the Committee and gave updates on Temporary Art Guidelines, CARE Equity Lens request, and future meeting scheduling.

D. Action Items:

1. FY22 Cycle 2 Thrive Allocations (Public Art)

Janine Christiano presented an overview of Cycle 2 of FY22 Thrive and the two recommended projects with public art elements:

- **Branches of PoeTREE***

- **Lead Artist:** Cameron Mitchell
- **Community Partner:** Nashville Public Library (Downtown, East, Hadley Park, Edgehill branches)
- **Community or Neighborhood Served:** North Nashville, East Nashville, Edgehill
- **Participants Expected:** 40
- **Request Amount:** \$5,000
- **Recommended Award Amount:** \$5,000
- **Buchanan Arts Mural***
 - **Lead Artists:** Alex Lockwood
 - **Community Partner:** Buchanan Arts, Creative Girls Rock**
 - **Community or Neighborhood Served:** North Nashville
 - **Participants Expected:** 30
 - **Request Amount:** \$5,000
 - **Recommended Award Amount:** \$5,000
 - **Creative Girls Rock received a Thrive award in Cycle 1. They are partners on this project but will not receive Thrive funds.

Chair Alvis asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the action item.

A motion to approve the FY22 Thrive Cycle 2 public art project allocations was offered by Commissioner Alvis, Shaun Giles seconded, the motion passed.

2. Donelson Library Semi-Finalists (Exterior)

Anne-Leslie Owens gave the Committee an overview of the two Donelson Library Public Arts projects and presented the Committee with the proposed semi-finalists suggested by the panel.

Chair Alvis and Shaun Giles gave updates about their roles as co-chairs on the selection panels, exterior and interior respectively. Chair Alvis felt that the community panel was invest and thoughtful and that any of the artists selected could contribute to the space. Shaun Giles noted that it was interesting to be considering artists for both projects and that after discussion everyone seemed happy with the overall mixture of media and diversity amongst the candidates.

Chair Alvis asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the action item.

A motion to approve the 5 semi-finalist artists/artist teams – Andy Dufford, Cliff Garten, Matthew Geller, Joshua Wiener, and WOWHAUAS (Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable) – identified by the citizen selection panel for the Donelson Library Exterior Public Art Project was offered by Donna Gilliam, Sara Burd seconded, the motion passed.

A motion to approve the 4 semi-finalist artists/artist teams –Michael Allison, Lanie Gannon, Legacy Team (Jamal Jenkins, Christian Greene, and Thomas McDougal), and Amber Lelli – identified by the citizen selection panel for the Donelson Library Interior Public Art Project was offered by Sara Burd, Shaun Giles seconded, the motion passed.

3. Temporary Art Proposal: Mural at Seigenthaler Bridge

Anne-Leslie Owens presented a proposed mural entitled the “Equality Watch Mural” applied for by Jim Dillard and AkzoNobel in conjunction with the Civic Design Center with lead artist Jenna Colt. The mural will be a reinterpretation of Rembrandt’s *Night Watch* and include information related to the conservation efforts happening at the Rijks Museum.

Chair Alvis asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the action item.

A motion to conditionally approve AkzoNobel’s Temporary Art on Metro Property application for Equality Watch Mural for the wall under Seigenthaler Bridge on west side of Second Avenue. Final approval may be given after Metro Arts staff review of list of individuals to be represented, final design concept, and plaque proof was offered by Shaun Giles, Donna Gilliam seconded, the motion passed.

4. Temporary Art Proposal: Murals at Elizabeth Park Community Center

Anne-Leslie Owens presented a proposed collection of murals of “District 21 Women of North Nashville” (Juno Frankie Pierce, Nora Evelyn Ransom, Mary Louise Watson, Willie Mae Boddie, Curlie E. McGruder). The application was submitted by Beth Hannon Penny and the Buchanan Neighbors Association, and the led artists will be Will and Schuyler Anderson of Maple Built.

Chair Alvis asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the action item.

The Committee asked for clarification about the presentation of the art piece on the side of the building and recommended considering the consistency of presentation. The Committee also asked about the possibility of lighting the art pieces and recommended suggesting that to the project managers.

A motion to approve the Buchanan Neighbors Association’s Temporary Art on Metro Property application for District 21 Women of North Nashville Murals (Juno Frankie Pierce, Nora Evelyn Ransom, Mary Louise Watson, Willie Mae Boddie, Curlie E. McGruder) for the exterior of the Elizabeth Park Community Center was offered by Commissioner Alvis, Donna Gilliam seconded, the motion passed.

E. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.