



METRO ARTS

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**Meeting Minutes
Public Art Committee
December 8, 2022, 11:00AM-12:30PM
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: Campbell West (Chair), Paul Polycarpou (Commissioner), Sara Lee Burd, Shaun Giles, Donna Gilliam

Metro Staff: Daniel Singh, Anne-Leslie Owens, Vivian Foxx

A. Call to Order

Chair West called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

B. Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2022

A motion to approve Public Art Committee minutes from October 13, 2022 was offered by Donna Gilliam. Sara Lee Burd seconded and the motion passed.

C. Welcome

Chair West welcomed new Public Art Committee member, Commissioner Paul Polycarpou, and invited him to introduce himself.

D. Action Items:

1. Old Hickory Community Center Public Art

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens presented renderings for the proposed new regional community center, expected to be completed in summer 2024. Staff are proposing an interior suspended artwork with an artist budget of \$250,000. A national call to artist will launch in January.

A motion to approve new public art project at Old Hickory Community Center for an interior suspended artwork with a budget of \$250,000 and a national call to artists. was made by Sara Lee Burd. Donna Gilliam seconded and the motion passed.

E. Project, Program, and Organizational Updates

1. Madison Library/Matthew Mazzotta Public Art Project

Executive Director Daniel Singh shared about the Madison project that started as part of an NEA grant in 2017. The project faced many changes and challenges and, despite staff's many attempts to pivot and adjust the project, we do not see a way to move forward. With advice of Metro Procurement, we will allow the project to end as the contract expires. To date, we have paid out \$85,000, the required match for an NEA grant. That NEA grant has been a catalyst for some deep engagement in the Madison community.

There are several "lessons learned" and process changes that we will put in place so that we can identify and take steps to end a project earlier in design development and with less of a financial impact to Metro Arts. Additionally, we are seeking out the recommendations of public art consultant Todd Bressi on additional process changes we might implement.

2. Bordeaux-North Nashville Participatory Budget Public Art Projects

Singh explained that we understand from Mayor's Office staff that Participatory Budget Steering Committee will be approving final projects later today. We will report at the January meeting.

3. Arthur Avenue Underpass Public Art Lighting Project/NEA Grant

Singh shared that we are working with project partners NDOT, Project Return, and community organizer Simone Boyd to define the project. We are continuing to gather information on what might be allowed at the site per NDOT and TDOT. The project has been slow to start and NEA grant funds are not yet available, so Metro Arts is compensating Simone Boyd for her project management time over the last year.

4. Projects in Progress

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens referred everyone to the Public Art Committee report for updates on current projects. Elisheba Mrozak's mural at Kossie Gardner Sr. Park is complete. She will be doing a social media takeover, and we are scheduling additional programming and a dedication in the spring.

5. Upcoming Projects

Owens reported that there is a lot of interest from Metro departments in having public art as part of their capital construction projects. We anticipate launching 5-6 new projects in 2023 including Lending Library Phase 2, Fairgrounds Phase 2, and Juvenile Justice Center to be located on Brick Church Pike. For this facility, we have been in conversation about programming opportunities as well as public art. This would be a 3-year project.

6. Hiring

Singh reported that the Public Art Coordinator and Public Art Collections Manager job postings closed at end of November. Metro Human Resources has requested 2 additional weeks to review and score them.

F. Schedule of 2023 Public Art Committee Meetings

Owens reminded everyone of the revised meeting schedule discussed in October. Like the Commission's meeting schedule, the PAC will meet monthly with the exception of March, June, September, and December.

January 12

February 9

March – No meeting scheduled

April 13

May 11

June – No meeting scheduled

July 13

August 10

September – No meeting scheduled

October 12

November 9

December – No meeting scheduled

G. Adjourn

Chair West adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.