



# METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

**Minutes**  
**Public Art Committee**  
**September 8, 2022 11:00AM-12:30PM**  
**Metro Office Building**  
**Nashville Room**  
**800 President Ronald Reagan Way**  
**(formerly 800 2nd Ave S)**  
**Nashville, TN 37210**

**Committee Members Present:** Jane Alvis (PAC Chair and Commissioner), Campbell West (Commissioner), Shaun Giles, Donna Gilliam

**Committee Members Absent:** Sara Lee Burd

**Staff:** Daniel Singh, Ian Myers, Atilio Murga, Anne-Leslie Owens, Chuck Beard, Jonathan Saad, and Vivian Foxx

**METRO ARTS MISSION:**  
**Drive an Equitable and Vibrant Community through the Arts**

A. Call to Order

Chair Alvis called the meeting to order at 11:09 p.m.

B. Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2022

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

***A motion to approve Public Art Committee minutes from May 12, 2022 was offered by Chair Alvis, Shaun Giles seconded, and the motion passed.***

C. Welcome

Chair Alvis introduced Metro Arts' new Executive Director Daniel Singh. Singh expressed his appreciation to the Public Art Committee for their work and his excitement about the work the PAC is doing. He introduced Vivian Foxx, new Office Support Specialist.

D. Action Items:

1. Donelson Library Exterior Project Design Concept

Due to scheduling difficulties, the design has not yet been reviewed by the project stakeholders and is not yet ready for PAC consideration. Staff will bring the design to the October meeting.

2. Nolensville Pike Transit Shelter Final Designs

Public Art Project Coordinator Atilio Murga provided a recap of the Nolensville Pike Public Art Projects. All five artists chose to modify their design as a vinyl bus shelter wrap. Two artists have submitted designs for consideration by PAC: Tess Davies' "My People Collection" and LeXander Bryant's "Clearly, Public Art – 2022." Tony Sobota, Prado Studio, and Daniel Arite and Thandiwe Shiphrah are working on designs to be voted on at the October meeting. Staff noted that both designs, per WeGo requirements, must allow visibility on all sides. The white parts of Davies' design are clear. Staff will check with LeXander Bryant regarding his intent with "Rest Here" and whether or not the seat dividers are in conflict with artist's vision.

***A motion to approve bus shelter designs by artist Tess Davies and LeXander Bryant was offered by Shaun Gilles, Donna Gilliam seconded, and the motion passed.***

E. Project and Program Updates:

1. Public Art Projects in Progress

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens reported on the Community Canvas, a public art project for Kossie Gardner Sr. Park in North Nashville on Jefferson St. For this newly developed pocket park, Metro Arts has installed a permanent canvas. Every two years, a different artist's work will be installed there. The first artist is Elisheba Israel Mrozik. Her mural depicts the five elements of art. Through artist-led programming, community member will be able to add to the artwork. A dedication is expected for November.

Executive Director Daniel Singh gave an update on the Mayor's Office-led Participatory Budget process for Bordeaux-North Nashville. \$2 million has been allocated. To date, the community has shared ideas that are being developed into proposals. On the ballot are multiple projects, 4 of which are public art projects. Staff will come back to PAC after the voting has taken place and it is clear which projects are to be funded.

We have also received requests for other new projects, such as the new Juvenile Detention Center, and will be coming back to PAC with a more comprehensive list. New public art project manager hires will help us to keep up with demand for projects.

## 2. Public Art HR/Hiring

Singh indicated that Van Maravalli, Public Art Manager, is currently on leave. We intend to hire two new Public Art Project Managers once given the go ahead by Human Resources. Anne-Leslie Owens will soon be promoted to Public Art Collections Manager.

## F. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 p.m.