



METRO ARTS

NASHVILLE OFFICE OF ARTS + CULTURE

Minutes
Public Art Committee
October 13, 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: Campbell West (PAC Chair and Commissioner), Campbell Shaun Giles, Donna Gilliam

Committee Members Absent: Sara Lee Burd, Paul Polycarpou (Commissioner)

Staff: Atilio Murga, Anne-Leslie Owens, Jonathan Saad, Daniel Singh

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A. Call to Order

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

B. Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2022

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

A motion to approve Public Art Committee minutes from September 8, 2022 was offered by Campbell West. Donna Gilliam seconded, and the motion passed.

C. Welcome

Chair West welcomed everyone to the meeting.

D. Action Items:

1. 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' designs were approved by PAC at the August meeting. Murga shared "Delal Bridge" by Tony Sobota, "ExtraORRdinary Legacy" by Prado Studio, and "Uplift" by Daniel Arite and Thandiwe Shiphrah for consideration.

A motion to approve designs from Jairo and Susan Prado, Daniel Arite and Thandiwe Shiphrah, and Tony Sobota design for bus shelter public artwork. was offered by Donna Gilliam. Shaun Giles seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Donelson Library Exterior Project Design Concept

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens provided a recap of Wowhaus' community engagement for the Donelson Library project. She presented the design for *Reverie*, sculptural benches made of Tennessee marble for the greenspace in front of the library. She reported that the design had been reviewed and approved by design team and project stakeholders.

A motion to approve the artwork design (Reverie) from artist team Wowhaus (Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable) for greenspace in front of new Donelson Public Library was offered by Donna Gilliam. Campbell West seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Thrive Grant Public Art Project Proposals

A. The Zoo Bridge Mural

Grant Manager Jonathan Saad shared the Thrive grant application for the Zoo Bridge Mural, submitted by the Glenclyff Neighborhood Association. It is a community art project to replace a deteriorated mural painted on four CSX railroad pillars crossing Nolensville Road near the entrance to the Nashville Zoo. They have worked closely with CSX, owner of the site, and Nashville Zoo is a funding partner. The submission includes Stephen Sloan, artist and owner of Never Xtinct Murals. Grants staff recommended an award of \$9,500.

A motion to approve Thrive grant application for the Zoo Bridge Mural for \$9,500 was offered by Donna Gilliam. Shaun Giles seconded, and the motion passed.

B. Homestyle Bakery Public Art Mural

This application developed from an artist identified community need for the creation of a large-scale mural on the side of Homestyle Bakery on Murfreesboro Road in the Antioch. The mural will depict the history of the neighborhood and the founders of the bakery (since 1975). Artist Brian Tull is a 23-year resident of Antioch community. Grants staff recommended award of \$9,500.

PAC had concerns that the overall budget was too low, fitting the available grant amount rather than a budget based on the square footage of the wall. PAC and staff discussed and developed an alternative: award of a \$9,500 creation grant for design development and the recommendation to come back for Thrive funding in the next cycle to apply for an additional \$9,500 for installation.

A motion to approve the Thrive grant application for the Homestyle Bakery Public Art Mural as a \$9,500 creation grant for design development and recommend that the applicant reapply for Thrive funding in the next cycle for an additional \$9,500 for installation was offered by Campbell West. Donna Gilliam seconded, and the motion passed.

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

A motion to approve NEA grant and artist budgets, to be determined by staff and not to exceed \$400,000, for the Arthur Avenue Underpass permanent lighting and temporary public art projects was offered by Donna Gilliam. Campbell West seconded, and the motion passed.

E. Project and Program Updates:

1. Public Art Projects in Progress

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In the interest of time, this item was saved for a fuller update at the next meeting

2. Bordeaux-North Nashville Participatory Budgeting

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens shared that there were 4 public art projects on the participatory budget ballot for which voting closed on October 31. Staff have been informed that details on selected projects will be provided to Metro departments in December.

3. Artwork Donation Policy

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens shared the history of the donated artwork process and some of the considerations when a donated artwork proposal is received. PAC members recognized that there are equity concerns and staff capacity issues. The donation process is separate from the percent project process for which Public Art staff have committed to 3 years of projects. PAC made clear that priority must be percent-funded projects.

4. New Project Requests and Percent Fund

In the interest of time, this item was saved for a fuller update at the next meeting

5. Meeting Scheduling

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens shared that the Commission was considering fewer meetings to avoid holidays and MNPS breaks when it is difficult to reach quorum. It was proposed to meet January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November. Unless there is a time-sensitive need, we will not meet in March, June, September, and December.

6. PAC Leadership

Public Art Project Manager Anne-Leslie Owens shared that PAC members will be changing as new PAC appointments have been made by Chair Matia Powell. Commissioner Paul Polycarpou will be joining the PAC. Staff are working with PAC Chair West and will be recommending two new community members to Chair Powell for consideration. Those appointments will be made by Chair Powell and announced at a future meeting.

F. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.