

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION
Council Conference Room
City Hall - 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
September 9, 2019
10:00 A.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

2. A quorum of members was present to call the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present included Judge David Sweet, Kathleen Morrow and new commission member Amber Crimmings. Community Relations Manager Bethany Browning, Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd and Assistant City Secretary Margaret Delaney were also in attendance. In addition, Lorne Leichty with the Discovery Project also attended the meeting. Doug Agee and Betty Jean Hoaglund were absent from the meeting.

3. **OPEN FORUM:** David Sweet opened the forum for public comments. There were no items addressed, David Sweet closed the forum.

4. APPOINTMENT:

A. Appointment with representatives of the Discovery Project to hear their fundraising project proposal, discuss the project status and take any action necessary.

Joey Boyd presented landscaping options prepared by MHS, landscape architects:

a) The City has used this company for multiple parks projects. They do civil and landscaping architectural designs as well.

b) Below are several different options and designs based on the project.

- Flatwork options: Do something very solid to hold up under different conditions with soils and things that move around
- Pure concrete, which could be stained or colored
- Flagstone option, crushed granite or a mixture of both
- Stained concrete
- Seating wall/small retaining wall behind the statue due to drainage and slope
- Statue weight: A full geological technical and full engineering assessment done at the site to confirm there is no ground movement
- Boulders and fountains options; no interest due to the maintenance and hidden costs
- Lighting options – Accent lights from an angle to light it up at night
- Landscape options- natural grasses; ornamental flower beds/evergreen ground covers during the dormant season
- Southeast corner option 1– Create a concrete gathering area for people to be able to step off the sidewalk and walk behind the statue. Kathleen pointed out the statue was made with two steel rods in it for people to be able to touch and take pictures without concern of the statue failing
- Southeast corner option 2 (**preferred option**): area has crushed granite, grassy areas, and a natural slope, which highlights a nicer vantage point. With this option, there will be better lighting for visitors who are walking thru downtown and from San Jacinto Plaza it will be the focal point.
- Discussions regarding crush granite held

c) Costs:

- MHS's design & construction administration costs are about 12% of the total Discovery project; (12% of the \$287,000) which is around \$30,000.
- The company will assist us in designing it, spec it and bid it as part of the project.
- Will-need a placeholder/allowance of \$30,000 for landscaping; which does not include labor.
- Joey stated that if the members like option 2 he will have the company start

running some rough budget numbers based on allowances.

- Until they design it, they will not know quantities but they are able to line item for allowances on all the items that would go into the project.
 - Options in the project affects the price. Joey stated approximately around \$50,000 would be a good start to add to the \$287,000 for this project.
 - Lorne stated he would like to know what the additional costs are due to the fundraising amount.
 - Joey will contact the company and send the cost information to Lorne.
 - Rockwall has park districts (32) and if allowable, the City Council could possibly designate funding.
 - Joey will look into it.
- Joey turned the discussion over to Lorne who presented the fundraising proposal: Notes are below:
- Lorne stated he liked Option #2.
 - Kathleen asked the meeting members to access Bricks & Stone Graphics.com using their phones.

Fundraising committee notes:

- Adding additional fundraising committee members.
- Will begin the private fundraising aspect of the project committee once they receive approval from the City.
- Also will get City's approval of any ideas the Committee has because this is a City project on County property.
- Target big donors; donors of \$5,000 plus.
- Will be considering title donors with a name attached to it, if all parties agree. For example: The Discovery at Sweet Plaza.
- Naming rights.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and take action on the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes.

David Sweet made a motion to approve the August 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Kathleen Morrow seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

B. Staff update on the Fiberglass project.

Ms. Browning updated the group regarding the ETA of the pedestals, which is slated for mid-October.

C. Discuss the mural located at 110 South Goliad and take any necessary action.

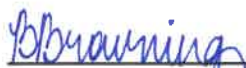
The current repairs are holding up after one month with minimal peeling observed. Regular reports on the wall will be provided to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
This 14th day of October 2019.**

ATTEST:



Bethany Browning, Community Relations Manager



David Sweet, ART Commission Chairman