

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION
Council Conference Room
City Hall - 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
August 12, 2019
10:00 A.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

A quorum of members was present to call the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present included Judge David Sweet, Doug Agee and Kathleen Morrow. Betty Jean Hoaglund and Jane Braddock were absent. Community Relations Manager Bethany Browning, Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd and Assistant City Secretary Margaret Delaney attended the meeting. In addition, Lorne Leichy and Jim Bryant, Discovery Project, also attended the meeting.

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

3. APPOINTMENT:

A. Appointment with representatives of the Discovery Project to hear a status update. Hold discussion and take any action necessary.

- David Sweet stated that the Discovery project would be a huge win for the Arts Commission. He also stated the following:
 - a) This would be a perfect opportunity for the Art Commission to participate and provide some funding for the project. He felt the City Council would embrace a project like this.
 - b) The Art Commission has been working with Kathleen Morrow, Alliance for the Arts. They have historically been big supporters and proponents of this project. The project was put on hold due to a down turn in the economy.
 - c) Jim has always been very passionate about this project and he should be. Getting Lorne involved in this project has been another huge shot in the arm. Lorne signing on to the project aids in getting things done.
 - d) This is the time to get this project to become a reality. Need to keep this item moving forward so it will need to be on future agendas for continued discussions.
- He then turned the discussion over to Lorne and he stated the following:
 - a) We are at a point where the artist, the Commission, and the County are 100% on board to make this happen. We have got a confluence of things that will give us an opportunity to accomplish this project.
 - b) We have chosen what we think is the best choice for the foundry which is Schaffer in Arlington, who has given us a price for delivery. The price of \$287,000 is for delivery and installation, which does not include all the accruals. The foundry has confirmed the above details to Jim within the last week and also stated this is still a good time to do it due to them having the availability of time to get this accomplished. This gives us the opportunity to get this done.
 - c) As far as documentation, one item that we need to talk about is who is in charge and who is responsible.
 - d) Lorne stated that we would have a contract with Jim, Jim would have a contract with the foundry but we have to have the right to step in and take over the contract if Jim is unable to perform the work.

- e) Lorne stated The Art Alliance; the City's Art Commission and The City of Rockwall and the County, which is where the project will be located. Lorne believes that the County should own this because the statue will be located on their property and they can be responsible for the maintenance.
 - f) We are at a point where we can discuss the Art Commission committing to proceed with the project and find out what funds are available and what needs to be fundraised privately. Lorne suggested we should move this to County as the ultimate owner. If we want to move on then we need to get the contracts to the County and the City attorneys so they can review them and make any changes necessary.
 - g) Kathleen stated that she wanted to be clear to the committee that Lorne is not an attorney for this purpose at all. He is not the committee attorney or the Alliance attorney. He is just a committee member.
 - h) Lorne took the contracts and turned them into a form that might work and thought would be acceptable to use.
 - i) If the County owns it, another issue needs to be discussed which is the base. What does it look like? The County should consider how it looks with the landscaping/lighting etc. and take responsibility of it. The City should also look at these same issues.
- o David Sweet noted that after reviewing Lorne's bullet points there is one thing he is not completely sure of. He stated he wanted there to be a contract with Jim and the Commission. The County would absolutely want to be involved in coordinating where the statue is located. But his concern was about the County owning the statue. David stated he just wants an easement. Lorne stated there would have be an agreement between the County and the City for a permanent easement. David stated he felt the Commissioner's Court was behind the project.
 - o Kathleen stated that the Alliance for the Arts has voted and agreed to donate money but not manage the contract or own it.
- He then turned the discussion over to Jim and he stated that the base is hollow, but has rods to install. It needs a 16 ft. pad.

Other Notes:

- a) Need to get an exact number from the Arts Commission so Kathleen and Lorne can fundraise.
- b) The Arts Alliance has around \$45K; City around \$150K (minus mural maintenance and remainder of guitar needs).
- c) At September 9 meeting Lorne will bring the fundraising proposal.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and take action on the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes.

David Sweet made a motion to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Kathleen seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

B. Staff update on the Fiberglass project.

Staff stated the pedestals for the guitars are in production at Urban Woods and the ETA would be later September or early October.

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

Isaac is making repairs to the mural on August 12 with an expected completion of August 16.

ADJOURNMENT

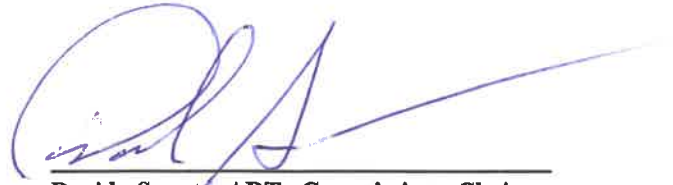
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
This 9th day of September, 2019.**

ATTEST:



Bethany Browning, Community Relations Manager



David Sweet, ART Commission Chairman

