

**MINUTES**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION  
Council Conference Room  
City Hall - 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087  
March 4, 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. Present Commission Members were David Sweet, Doug Agee, Jane Braddock, Kathleen Morrow and Community Relations Manager Bethany Browning. Commission member Betty Jean Hoaglund, was absent from the meeting. Assistant City Secretary Margaret Delaney attended the meeting to take minutes.

**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Review and take action on the February 11, 2019 meeting minutes.**

Kathleen Morrow made a motion to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes. Doug Agee seconded the motion; all were in favor of approving as recorded and the motion passed 4-0.

**B. Hear an update from staff and commissioners on the fiberglass sculpture project and discuss any related issues.**

Bethany stated she reached out to CowPainters but she had not heard back from them.

The fiberglass guitars were ordered.

They are scheduled to be delivered in 8-10 weeks for delivery - April 8-19<sup>th</sup>

Bethany visited with Susie Varner, who is one of the artists that will be painting the guitars.

Bethany stated that Susie is very excited about the project. She is painting a longhorn. Susie said she is going to paint a similar concept on the guitar.

David stated that the artists will have 30 days to prepare and asked what they have to do?

Bethany stated that there was a discussion about making a checklist. Susie brought up that she is concerned about the clear coating, particularly the Krylon. She stated she is not comfortable with applying it? Doug stated that a lot of artists do not use the clear coating on their paintings when they finish. It protects paintings otherwise the painting will fall apart and you don't want that to happen after all the invested time and money. Bethany asked if we do it ourselves and Doug stated yes. You can use a spray can. Kathleen was concerned that the artist would want something written up to cover themselves.

Staff will be having meeting about coordinating the delivery of the guitars.

Bethany, Doug and Betty are going to have a meeting next week to create a punch list/checklist so they can make sure we cover all of our bases on all these outstanding questions. Bethany also stated she would coordinate a meeting with the artists to answer their questions.

Joey Boyd asked about the location of the manufacturer? Bethany stated they are in Chicago, IL. Joey stated we need to get them all here and his department has the box trucks to transport them. Kathleen is concerned if the artists have a place to store and work on the sculptures. They will discuss that with the artists regarding that point. Bethany asked the members to send any thoughts, update or any items that need to be done on this project.

Would like to deliver guitars within 24-48 hours of receipt. Joey's department is coordinating that. Bethany will talk to Betty after this meeting to help contact Susie and Kenyon to get their concepts. Would like to include on the 03-18-18 or 4-1-2018 City Council agenda. David Sweet stated to put it on the Consent section of the City Council Agenda. He will be attending the meeting.

Bethany thought about where the guitars will be permanently located. This has not yet been determined. It could be based on the final product.

Doug asked about a quality control section. Joey asked about the agreement with the artists.

Bethany stated she would begin working on the agreements. Generally, their work is protected but we have ownership right to use it for marketing, press releases, websites, etc. Bethany will send the "updated" contract to the City Attorney Frank Garza to review.

**C. Hear an update from Commissioner Morrow regarding the Discovery Project and discuss and take any action.**

Kathleen gave an update regarding the Discovery Project:

Kathleen stated Lorne has given so much time and effort on this. At the meeting in September Kathleen asked Jim to give us an update on his pricing. He did not give any update. Kathleen tried again to meet with him in November and December. Finally, the first week of January Kathleen called Jim and asked him to meet. He stated yes so Kathleen asked Jim how can we get this done? He stated he wanted to do it. He also stated that the price has gone up \$100,000.00 during this waiting period. Throughout our negotiations and the discussions Jim stated he was saving money by contributing his work thru the process. Jim was going to contract with the Alliance for the Arts then he was going to contract with the foundry. He was actually being paid for his work. Kathleen told Jim that they could go back to the contract to what it was before. He can do it and we will take it and get it to back to you and we would be done. Both Jim and Kathleen had both set up an update timeline for revisions of the contract for the both of them. Kathleen then received an email on 01-19-19 from Jim stating his concerns regarding the contract.

Jim stated some considerations to get this memorial done:

I am willing to either deliver you turnkey memorial for a price or I can sell you a license for the memorial to be done by a person or entity that we agree upon and you have the memorial done. So, we can either contract with him and have asked him to please take out the 15% price increase out or we can contract with the foundry. He would agree us working with Schafer. But he will still have to approve the work. The license option will be much more expensive and could cause more problems with the base, preparation and delivery. Kathleen has spoken with Lorne and they have asked Jim (on 1-19-19) to give them a price of the licensing option but have not heard back from Jim.

Our (Alliance) contract stated that we have the right to view the work ahead and if Jim stopped working on it for 30 days and doesn't respond then we could contact Schafer.

David Sweet is still enthusiastic about this project. Kathleen and Lorne are no longer working on the project. If Lorne is out then the fundraising is out. Kathleen stated that the Alliance money is still available to use but that is not near enough

David Sweet will reach out to Jim to get an update on where he is at with the project. Kathleen also asked David to ask Jim about who will be doing the base.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,  
This 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019.**

**ATTEST:**

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**Bethany Browning, Community Relations Manager**

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**David Sweet, ART Commission Chairman**