

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION
Council Conference Room
City Hall - 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087
November 18, 2019
10:00 A.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

A quorum was present to call the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present included David Sweet, Doug Agee, Betty Jean Hoaglund, Kathleen Morrow and Amber Crimmings. Art in Public Places Liaison Bethany Browning, Assistant City Manager Joey Boyd and Assistant City Secretary Margaret Delaney.

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

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review and take action on the October 14, 2019 meeting minutes.

David Sweet made a motion to approve the October 14, 2019 meeting minutes. Doug Agee seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

B. Staff update on the Fiberglass Guitar project and take any action necessary.

- Metal rods designed by the Parks Dept. have been fabricated and he will be installed soon.
- The rods will connect at the pedestal base and wrap around the guitar neck.
- The plan is to have the San Jacinto Plaza and Cain's Park guitars installed by Dec. 7.
- The Downtown Association is planning a reception in December.
- Bethany will discuss the Dec. 7 install date with Parks Superintendent Brian Sartain.

C. Update and discussion regarding the Discovery Project and take any necessary action.

- Multiple research/steps done on the guitar project made it a success.
- Bethany met with the City of Dallas and Fort Worth Public Arts Programs to discuss similar projects and their processes.
- Fort Worth completed a similar bronze sculpture project, brought forward by an outside organization, similar to Discovery. They created an MOU addressing fundraising efforts and the roles and responsibilities of each organization.
- City Council approved their project upon the fundraising contingency.
- There was a contract in place with the artist for design, fabrication and installation.
- There was no information in the contract regarding the foundry.
- Bethany will continue researching contracts to gain more information on these projects.
- Amber will send Bethany and Joey the City of Plano's contact information.
- Next steps include putting those documents together and meeting with Mr. Bryant. Joey stated that he would like to visit with Plano to gather additional information from their projects.
- David Sweet stated this project is on a different level based on the funding and scope.

- The committee is learning from each project and taking necessary measures to ensure successful future projects.
- It is important to clearly define each entities roles and responsibilities.
- Mr. Bryant desires the City to contract with him to complete and install the piece.
- Judge Sweet commented other cities did not contract in this manner.
- Bethany stated normally the artist oversees the fabrication of their work with the foundry to ensure their work is reproduced appropriately.
- The artist is responsible for the work and ensuring it is done properly.
- We can assist in providing resources, if needed.
- The artist is responsible for his work.
- Once it is in the ground, it belongs to the City.
- Joey Boyd stated we could sub-contract the work.
- Betty mentioned a website www.largeart.com. They do exceptional bronzes for cities around the country. They do custom and existing life size. The company could be used for these large projects.
- The research that Bethany has done including meeting with other cities has provided good information for the committee to ensure this project is done correctly.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding documentation of past projects.

- We have learned from past projects.
- Not all commission members agree regarding Rockwall's reputation in the art community.
- If there were issues with individual artists, the commission has not been made aware of it.
- Moving forward, the commission will do their due diligence to ensure future projects are successful.
- An additional conversation ensued regarding the following subjects: funding, policy and procedures, art director's responsibilities, new board member training and history of projects. Kathleen volunteered to lead a committee to look at the policies and procedures. Amber stated she would assist as needed. David volunteered to serve with Kathleen. David made a motion to serve on the policies and procedures sub-committee with Kathleen. Kathleen seconded the motion and all were in favor, passing 5-0.
 - Joey stated any issues related to the position of Art Director would be best addressed by management and he would take all the commission's concerns into account. David reiterated the Art Commission's role regarding City staff positions.
- Amber requested the following information:
 - Details of past projects
 - Farmers Market contact information
 - Sales tax information for the businesses in the downtown area -- during special events

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL,
TEXAS, This 13th day of January 2020.**

ATTEST:



Bethany Browning, Community Relations Mgr.



David Sweet, ART Commission Chairman