



CITY OF FRANKLIN

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

May 11, 2023

Members Present:

Ken Kosky, President
Joshua Hendrickson, Vice President
Jessica Giles
LuAnn Lietz
Greg Potter
Christy Raney
Gail Richards
Chrissy Robertson
Dave Windisch

Others Present:

Alex Getchell Senior Planner I
Dana Monson Community Development Specialist

Call to Order

Ken Kosky called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Approval of Minutes

Jessica Giles made a motion to approve the April 13, 2023 minutes. Josh Hendrickson seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Pet Elves Mural Application

Dana Monson announced receiving a request from Pet Elves for a mural to be placed on the east side of their building located at 169 E. Jefferson Street. It would be in the alley beside Pet Elves and the funeral home. Alex Getchell reviewed the BZA approval, specifying that the board did not see any of the content but only approved for location and size. BZA conditionally approved it to come before PAAC for the ultimate approval as to whether the mural is acceptable and will be completed professionally, going through the same process for all mural submissions. Greg Potter spoke of the art as being a depiction of cats and dogs being rescued. The main mural will be in the middle between their windows with the sides flowing out in landscape depiction. The funeral home has windows that look out on to the mural side of the building, so Mr. Potter does not want the art to be obtrusive to them. He will try to schedule his work so as not to interfere with any funerals. Ms. Monson added that Pet Elves received a grant from IDDC for this mural, it being the third piece of art Franklin has received. The other two are the sloth mural on Middle David's Candles building and the electrical boxes.



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Dave Windisch made a motion for approval of the mural design. Chrissy Robertson seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0. Mr. Hendrickson asked if there is a completion deadline due to the grant receipt. It is to be completed in October.

Committee Reports

Community Art Committee-Ken Kosky – The Kuji alley project is still seeking community foundation funding. Outside of that there is still funding to move forward with this project. Mayor Steve Barnett stated to have Board of Works approval before ordering the arches. The project will have overhead arches similar to the Artcraft alley from which will hang traditional Japanese lanterns. There will also be a 3-D cherry tree art installation on the opposite side of the mural along with a traditional Japanese bridge and red furniture. Ms. Giles added that the cherry blossom petals are individual reflective mirrored pieces. The desire is for \$2,500 from PAAC towards the \$7,100 project. Mr. Windisch made a motion to approve funding at \$2500. Mr. Hendrickson seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Ms. Monson added that positive feedback on the water tower has been received from IAW.

Marketing Committee-Dave Windisch – The brochure is complete and handed out at the meeting. They will begin distribution of it at a number of identified locations.

Programming Committee-Joshua Hendrickson – The class with Mr. Potter is confirmed for May 17. Twelve out of the 25 available spots are sold. Doors open at 5:30pm at Main and Madison with Mr. Potter conducting the class from 6:30-9pm. There are online opportunities to sign up. Ms. Monson explained the difficulty in having funds come directly to PAAC, so DDF is handing the funds for the class. They will pay Mr. Potter and Main and Madison. Main and Madison has requested a couple people to be in attendance with Mr. Potter in a supervisory role. Anyone interested should let Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Potter or Ms. Monson know. Strawberries on the Square is on May 26. Ms. Monson asked a couple of face painters who are not available, so she is continuing to search. It is an 11a-2p slot. Any leads are welcome. Banners have gone up for this year. Work needs to begin on next year's process for the artist, banner design submissions and production. Ms. Giles added that Ethos artist application is available online.

Old Business:

Mayor's Youth Council RAB Statue Update – Tara Payne – An artist has been secured. He is the man who did the rose sculptures in Carmel. She gave a PowerPoint presentation from the Mayor's Youth Council giving an overview of their past projects, how the roundabout statue design came about, an overview of the process and a depiction of the final sculpture art. The council appealed to students to submit what school meant to them. Mia Tisdale did a rendering based on the submissions. Ms. Payne explained what all the images symbolically represented. Every council member has a symbolic design cut out in the sculpture tree. The project cost for everything sculpture related is \$300,000. Donations are still being received. The dimensions will be 20' tall with a larger base. Mr. Kosky suggested to the MYC PAAC's desire to have their involvement paired with LJC's youth council during the eclipse event next year to serve as directional guides for all the guests that will be in town.



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New Business

Update on Art Commission Policies—Ken Kosky – Ms. Monson responded to Mayor Barnett’s request to add this to the agenda. There was an article in the Daily Journal a few weeks back about painting and free speech with some of the surrounding issues. Ms. Monson reviewed the New Hampshire case study of a doughnut mural on a doughnut shop. Their local council determined it to not be a mural but rather a sign. Because it was doughnuts on a doughnut shop, it could be construed as advertising. There was a legal battle over zoning ordinance as it said it was too large and couldn’t be located there. The mural content was being judged. The US Supreme Court has ordered that content cannot be considered to determine if a work is a sign or mural. This is why the city has the process in place that does not review content. Content can only be judged for pornography, hate speech, etc. Municipalities can have more jurisdiction over a community mural if it is narrowly tailored. Mr. Windisch asked if there is a prepared answer explanation to give to interested parties. Ms. Monson summarized the Supreme Court ruling against judging content but that PAAC can advise and guide artists and their submissions.

Gail Richards thanked Mr. Getchell and Mr. Windisch for their guidance over the years with JCCF murals. Their next mural will be on the library book barn. Mr. Getchell added that they have received BZA approval and will be coming before PAAC in the future.

Ms. Monson reminded that there are plenty of Arts District brochures. If any PAAC members would like a supply to distribute, let her know.

Date of Next Meeting

June 8, 2023

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of June 2023.

Ken Kosky, President

Holly Johnston, Secretary