



CITY OF FRANKLIN

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

September 14, 2023

Members Present:

Ken Kosky, President
Joshua Hendrickson, Vice President
Holly Johnston, Secretary
Nick Crisafulli
Jess Giles
LuAnn Lietz
Greg Potter
Gail Richards
Dave Windisch

Others Present:

Dana Monson Community Development Specialist
Alex Getchell Senior Planner I

Call to Order

Ken Kosky called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Approval of Minutes

Gail Richards made a motion to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes. Holly Johnston seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Committee Reports

Community Art Committee-Ken Kosky – Art ideas from other communities were presented.

Nick Crisafulli entered the meeting at 8:08 a.m.

From two submittals received for the crosswalk art, New Palestine artist Nick Abstract's submission was chosen. Some revisions were requested, and Mr. Abstract responded quickly. Pending Board of Works approval, he can complete the project within the next couple of months. Mr. Crisafulli asked what the revisions were. Dana Monson highlighted four changes made for safety purposes as advised by City Engineer Mark Richards. Luann Lietz expressed her desire that his submittal had met the deadline. Ms. Monson identified that he was a day late due to being out of town. Josh Hendrickson asked how the cost would be covered. Grant funds will be used for the entire cost with overage and the project will be complete by 2023 yearend. Mr. Kosky suggested that a smaller crosswalk with the extra \$2,500 in grant funds could be discussed. The Community Art Committee agreed to discuss options at their meeting immediately following this commission meeting.



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Dave Windisch made a motion for approval of the crosswalk art. Chrissy Robertson seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Marketing Committee-Dave Windisch – The meeting was delayed until next Tuesday.

Programming Committee-Joshua Hendrickson – Four are signed up for the water color workshop at Wild Geese Bookshop Saturday. Post event a review needs to be held to determine efforts to increase attendance. Mr. Hendrickson and Ms. Monson met with Parks and Rec to discuss programming for next year. Ideas were considered including having activities for kids simultaneously with some of the adult art offerings enabling parents to attend knowing their children are also involved in supervised craft activities for a minimal fee. Ms. Johnston submitted a Branigin Foundation grant application yesterday. If awarded, it would be \$3,000 toward their partnership with PAAC. The programming committee has also been working on Ethos with more sign ups than previously. Jess Giles added that the committee was at the Farmers' Market with a community canvas of a bird with flowers around it and under the direction of Greg Potter. Ms. Giles recommended a presence of once a month.

Old Business

Ethos Celebration of the Arts Update – Jess Giles – There are 31 approved artists out of an internal goal of 40. The application is open for a couple more weeks. The promotional posters have been distributed to the downtown businesses. The Fall Vintage and Handmade Fest is scheduled for the same day and also featured on the poster. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up through the DDF sign up genius. Early afternoon is often a most needed time. Three jurors are scheduled for the day and the Fall Vintage Fest has 125 vendors committed.

Mr. Kosky thanked Ms. Giles for her work as the DDF executive director.

New Business

Franklin Chamber of Commerce Banner Suggestion – Franklin Chamber of Commerce Director Rosie Chambers presented through a PowerPoint presentation their new marketing campaign Genuine Franklin being done through contract with Clever Dogs Media. It is to encourage economic development and growth in Franklin. A photographer was hired to take a variety of Franklin images featuring local people, businesses and events. Ms. Chambers highlighted all the places the chamber is using the logo and graphic depictions of Genuine Franklin. She presented a banner concept for the King Street banners. Ms. Monson reviewed the banner policy highlighting the requirement that they must be city banners with the city message. After meeting together, the city felt this qualified and asked Ms. Chambers to present to PAAC. The Franklin College banners will come down in a couple of weeks after Homecoming. The city would like to see the Genuine Franklin banners to go up next. There will be four sets. They would be up from mid-October until just before Christmas. There are 20 poles for a total of 40 banners so five sets through the thoroughfare. The city will pay for them pending Board of Works approval. Mr. Crisafulli wanted to encourage the photos to be more centrally located on one thing. He finds the downtown photo to be too detailed for easy viewing while driving. Ms. Chambers and Ms. Monson concurred. An opportunity is being given to PAAC to review and choose from 13 submissions. Ms.



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Monson will e-mail them to the members to make their selections. Mr. Potter suggested night and early morning photos as well. Ms. Chambers responded that there is a night photo of the Artcraft. As a non-profit limited in funds, they do not have any plans to hire a photographer at this time. Mr. Kosky added that Festival Country's photo library is available.

Mr. Hendrickson made a motion to move forward with the Genuine Franklin banners. Mr. Windisch seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Kuji Alley Mural Approval – Ken Kosky – Mr. Potter will touch up the existing koi fish mural in the Kuji alley. He will also add the new art highlighting a koi pond and foot bridge. There will also be a 3D cherry blossom tree. A sketch was presented. Eighty-three feet of canvas space has been approved to work with.

Mr. Windisch made a motion for approval of the Kuji alley art. Ms. Lietz seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled during fall break. It was agreed to move to October 19, 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of October 2023.

Ken Kosky, President

Holly Johnston, Secretary