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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 14, 2024

#### **Members Present:**

Ken Kosky, President  
Joshua Hendrickson, Vice President  
Holly Johnston, Secretary  
Barry Barnes  
Danny Causey  
Nick Crisafulli  
Christy Locke  
Vickie Noblitt  
Greg Potter  
Chrissy Robertson  
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 8:01 a.m.

#### **Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Holly Johnston made a motion to approve the February 8, 2024 minutes. Josh Hendrickson seconded. Passed unanimously, 11-0.

#### **Committee Reports**

Community Art Committee: Ken Kosky – The veteran's alley design proposal will be presented at a later meeting. Jack's Donuts building owner Fred Paris would like a mural tribute to agriculture and the farming community on the back of the building since it faces the Farmers' Market space. He is applying for an FDC grant. Dana Monson will create an RFP draft for the project. Dave Windisch spoke with Mr. Paris a couple of years ago and knows what he wants. It does not align with the basis of the JCCF program as he has a specific focus he wants commissioned and the JCCF program is open to all art forms. Ms. Monson is working with Globe Asphalt to secure a quote on the amphitheater crosswalk. They did the city seal on Jefferson, and it is holding up well as opposed to the deterioration noted in other surrounding municipalities such as Columbus. Nick Abstract is the artist whose design was selected, and he is in support of this. Still in the process is the desire for a sign with a sensory element at each art installation around town. There would be a QR code or website element so a patron could hear from the artist whether via audio or video. The idea comes out of what Mr. Windisch saw in Ft. Wayne's



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downtown art project. He has reached out to several local printers. The cost may go up from the earliest projections. Mr. Windisch also reached out to the Ft. Wayne Arts Council lead. The last item discussed was the skate park and design concepts from Keira Myers. Barry Barnes proposed that Franklin College art classes could potentially work on this project along with high school artists. Ms. Myers will be home for the summer and could also participate. Ms. Monson and Mr. Barnes are collaborating to create a plan. The art will be placed on the sides of the existing ramps.

Marketing Committee: Dave Windisch – A pop-up tent was ordered. T-shirts, stickers, and a pop-up banner are to be secured by the end of April.

Programming Committee: Joshua Hendrickson – They are meeting twice monthly. They have had a first meeting to review Ethos submissions. They have almost as many submitted to date as they did in total for last year's event. So far 33 are accepted. The goal is to secure the largest show possible. Danny Causey highlighted the hope to double the show size. They are adding live music and a beer and wine garden. They will use the entire Madison block including the Willard and Wild Geese Bookshop's frontages. It will create a large L-shaped layout. The Chalk the Block will be relocated to the end of the booth spaces. Mr. Causey's goal is within a few years to be able to compete with some of the large art shows in the area. Nick Crisafulli asked how the live music is being scheduled. Erin Ludwig will probably book the acts. In addition to his own band, Mr. Crisafulli's mandolin teacher is part of an Indianapolis band with a strong interest in involvement in the Franklin area. Mr. Kosky asked what type of music is desired. Without having a specific yet, Mr. Causey would like it to be complimentary to the festival. Mr. Kosky has a board member who manages the Columbus Philharmonic. Post-eclipse event the Programming Committee will continue partnership discussions with Parks and Recreation.

### **Old Business**

180 In Color Grant Application Update: Dana Monson – Notice was received of initial approval for the \$45,000 READI One grant. It now goes to IEDC for final approval. There are a couple of additional elements required that Ms. Monson will submit. There is a strong likelihood that the grant will be received. There will be an additional \$15,000 from the Indiana Arts Commission to any fully approved recipient of the READI One grant. Kim Kasting has committed \$10,000 from JCCF if fully approved by IEDC. Initial cost estimates for the Veteran's Alley are approximately \$90,000. Ms. Monson anticipates PAAC applying to EDC for the EDC fees grant to complete the needed balance.

### **New Business**

Eclipse – Mr. Kosky reviewed the amount of media coverage Franklin is receiving about the event. The visitors' center is giving out eclipse glasses. Parks and Recreation has glasses as well.

### **Date of Next Meeting** – April 11, 2024

Committee Meeting Dates –

Community Art – after this meeting

Marketing – March 19, 2 pm

Programming – March 21, 8 am



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Ms. Monson presented Alex Getchell's find of Little Rock, Arkansas's asphalt art. Their Main Street and public art programs are one combined entity. They have a mural walk weekend similar to Canvas Clash only in a small space for a mural. They host Bark at the Moon which is a pet parade. Ms. Monson encouraged commission members to bring forth any ideas they have for discussion and consideration at any time in monthly meetings or initially through e-mail to Mr. Kosky and Ms. Monson.

Banners are being ordered by the end of next week and are projected to be hung by the end of April or the first part of May. The street department hopes to have welcome banners up on King Street and South Main before the eclipse.

Mr. Kosky highlighted the town of Rensselaer and their annual event to bring in professional artists for three murals in one weekend. Visitindiana.com's travel guide features Kuji Alley along with five others statewide.

Vickie Noblitt offered gratitude for all the entities involved with the beautification of Franklin through the years.

Ms. Johnston announced that the flower ladies started this week, providing a different art from throughout the city.

Mr. Windisch reported that two sides of the Artcraft scaffolding are down and the alley is open again. Mr. Kosky added that the stars will be put back up before the eclipse.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. Causey made a motion for adjournment with a second from Mr. Windisch. It passed unanimously, 11-0.

Respectfully submitted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Ken Kosky, President

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Holly Johnston, Secretary