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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

August 8, 2024

#### **Members Present:**

Ken Kosky, President  
Josh Hendrickson, Vice President  
Holly Johnston, Secretary  
Danny Causey  
Nick Crisafulli  
Christy Locke  
Vickie Noblitt  
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 8:00 a.m.

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

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Holly Johnston made a motion to approve the July 11, 2024 minutes. Nick Crisafulli seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Josh Hendrickson entered the meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

Community Art Committee: Ken Kosky – Electrical boxes are continuing to be worked on with LuAnn Lietz.

Marketing Committee: Dave Windisch – The committee did not meet last month.

Programming Committee: Josh Hendrickson—The next banner location was decided to be a continuation of Main Street, starting with King Street and going further. Discussions are continuing with Parks and Recreation. Art to Finish is continuing to be discussed. Ms. Johnston added that Mike and Jenny from Shale Creek are definitely in for Brews and Brushes. Parks and Rec are proposing this event for November in cooler weather.

#### **Old Business**



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### **New Business**

Approval of Quote for Asphalt Art – Dana Monson presented details through a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed final crosswalk design that will fit within the budget. READI grant funding for this project is a total of \$90K. Two bids have been received, and there are two parts to the quotes, the intersection art and the crosswalk art. Quote requests were sent to three companies. One had no interest in bidding on the project. The second quote received for the intersection art alone was \$125,000. Ms. Monson and Alex Getchell met with Globe who did the intersection seal at Jefferson and Main Streets. Their bid for the intersection art came in at \$78,000 and \$23,000 for the crosswalk. The crosswalks will match those on Jefferson Street with the brickwork. Mayor Steve Barnett has approved going to the Board of Works to request the extra funds needed over the granted \$90,000. The READI grant requires the receipt of two quotes. The work will be done in early spring 2025. Alex Getchell explained that a colorized asphalt product is used and cures in four to six hours. It's projected to last a maximum of 10 years. Danny Causey asked if consideration had been given to extending the color down the hill for the crosswalk instead of the brick. Ms. Monson identified that a color extension would cost over \$90,000 not including the crosswalk. They also require a design assuring safety and regulations. The brick also provides consistency with the other crosswalks. If color is used, there would have to be a stark contrast between the crosswalk outline and the painted color. Mr. Crisafulli made a motion for approval of the art with a brick crosswalk. Christy Locke seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Approval of Quote and Final Design for Veterans' Alley – Ms. Monson presented a PowerPoint of the proposed art, detailing all the design elements. The mural is currently planned for only on the Elks building until ownership of the vinyl-sided building on the other side of the alley is finalized. The art will not be attached to the building but are all freestanding pieces. There are additional options available for the large, low-lying awning. A quote of \$78,000 not including the electric has been received from Expo Arts which did the work in the other two alleys. With electric, the quote will likely come in closer to the \$90,000 available for this project. Extensive discussion was held with much feedback of positives, concerns, and suggestions for the presented design. Vickie Noblitt proposed including a woman veteran and was agreed with by multiple board members. Mr. Henderson felt the design to be generic and would like to see a local artist involvement at least for the second alley wall.

Mike Hill, Vietnam veteran and member of the Veterans' Committee of the Franklin Elks Lodge, explained the veterans' unanimous dislike of the stars and their sense that it was too Disney or cartoon-like.

Mr. Causey spoke of a desire for cohesiveness. He felt the design to be five independent elements. Mr. Hendrickson concurred and expressed the thought that maybe the installation should be viewed as a series of art rather than strictly a cohesive whole. He also highlighted that some are silhouettes and some are not. Ms. Locke felt the different sizes also detracted from the cohesiveness. The stars and stripes at the beginning and end of the alley were in an effort to add artistic elements.

Franklin resident Bobbi Whittemore suggested putting all the design elements going in the same direction. Suggestions for adding a woman focused on the bugler or welcome home installations.



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Several individuals did not care for the star element. Ms. Monson advised continuing work on this as she also is required to secure a second quote.

Krista Linke met with the new building owner on the other side of the alley. They will be taking off the vinyl siding and tuck pointing the brick and maybe adding some windows. They are very open to having a mural on their side of the alley as well. FDC funding will be available to them for their building work.

Dave Windisch made a motion for approval of the art without the red, white, and blue stars. Ms. Noblitt seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Ms. Linke has a meeting set for next week with the new Indiana Arts Council representative. They are slowly working to relaunch the program for the Cultural Arts District designation.

## **Date of Next Meeting** – September 12, 2024

Committee Meeting Dates –

Community Art – Immediately after this meeting in the Council Chambers

Marketing – TBD

Programming – 8 am, August 15, at Coffee House Five

Mr. Hendrickson announced Generation Art and Frame hosting an artist event on August 31 featuring art depicting Franklin. It will run through September.

Chrissy Robertson reported that a small group of them are working with John Strickland's daughter. They are hosting a studio open house on Friday, September 6. It will be in Mr. Strickland's old studio and hundreds of paintings will be for sale. Funds raised will go to a jazz event next summer as he was a jazz musician.

## **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. Windisch made a motion for adjournment with a second from Mr. Causey. It passed unanimously, 9-0.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Ken Kosky, President

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Holly Johnston, Secretary