

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

JANUARY 7, 2020

2:00 P.M.

SECOND FLOOR, BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Campbell, Harry Knabb, Betsy Towns, Jane Doub, John Rushton, Elizabeth Repetti, Janie Wilson,
MEMBERS ABSENT: Heather Levinson, Endia Beal
STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Bennett
PRESIDING: Janie Wilson

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Janie Wilson began the meeting with a moment of silence for Wanda Merschel, a former City Council Member who died recently and served on a committee to bring public art to Merschel Park downtown.

II. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

MOTION John Rushton moved to approve the December meeting minutes.
SECOND Jane Doub
VOTE Unanimous

III. MURAL OPPORTUNITIES – DREW GERSTMAYER

Drew Gerstmyer, an Arts Council board member and property owner and developer in the northern area of downtown Winston-Salem addressed the commission on possibilities for more murals in Winston-Salem. The group discussed strategies to connect artists with property owners, such as a website with an approved artists list. Kelly Bennett said that this may be an appropriate addition to the public art plan, which is in progress.

IV. PROJECT REPORTS

- Merschel Park
 - Kelly Bennett reported that due to the recent death of Wanda Merschel, the RFP process would be delayed until there was a more solid timeline on park construction.
- Winston-Salem Portrait Project
 - Kelly Bennett showed renderings of the main sculpture, which is being fabricated.
- Memory Wall of Peace and Love
 - Kelly Bennett reported that Endia Beal has indicated that Princeton University may have conservators that will be in Winston-Salem in January that can make an assessment of the wall at no cost.
- Artistic Bus Shelters
 - Kelly Bennett will make a presentation to the WSTA Board on this project at their January 30 meeting.
- Fairgrounds Farmers Market Mural

- Three artists have been chosen as finalists for the project: Hieronymus, Dennis Wells, and Kara Hammond and team.
- Our Town Committee
 - Kelly Bennett reported that a stakeholder meeting is scheduled for January 9.

V. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

MOTION Jane Doub nominated Janie Wilson as Chair.
SECOND Harry Knabb
VOTE Unanimous

MOTION Elizabeth Repetti nominated John Rushton as Vice-Chair.
SECOND Harry Knabb
VOTE Unanimous

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one signed up for the public comment period.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

*Next Full Commission Meeting:
February 4, 2020 2:00 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building*