

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

APRIL 6, 2021

2:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaivJxqvqE>

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betsy Towns, Jason Thiel, Cliff Dossel, David Finn, Endia Beal, Jane Doub, Elizabeth Repetti, Dara Silver, Jennifer Finkel
MEMBERS ABSENT: Owens Daniels
STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Bennett
PRESIDING: David Finn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

➤ March 2, 2021

MOTION Betsy Towns moved to approve the March 2 meeting minutes.

SECOND Cliff Dossel

VOTE Unanimous

III. HASANI MITCHELL – NEWSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC ART

Hasani Mitchell needed to reschedule and will appear at the May 4 Public Art Commission meeting.

IV. DOWNTOWN SCULPTURE FABRICATION

Kelly Bennett presented the powerpoint from applicant Mona King's interview for the Downtown Sculpture Fabrication project. King was recommended unanimously by the project's selection committee.

MOTION Elizabeth Repetti moved to approve Mona King's application to fabricate the Downtown Sculpture project.

SECOND Dara Silver

VOTE Unanimous

V. SALEM PARKWAY BRIDGE ART

The Commission discussed how to approach selecting artwork for the bridges over Salem Parkway. The City has allocated \$1.4 million in bond funds to pay for the project. Kelly Bennett will meet with WSDOT and the landscape architect on the project to determine expectations and limitations for the artwork. The Commission will discuss the project further at their May 4 meeting.

VI. BLOOMBERG ASPHALT ART GRANT

Kelly Bennett discussed the possibility of the City applying for a \$25,000 public art grant for artistic crosswalks. A group made of Creative Corridors Coalition members and City staff applied unsuccessfully in 2019. Bennett suggested the Public Art

Commission could apply. Dara Silver and Jason Thiel will work on the grant application group.

VII. PROJECT REPORTS

- Public Art Plan
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the Public Art Plan was adopted by City Council at their April 5 meeting.
- Winston-Salem Portrait Project
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the project is moving forward with a virtual unveiling and in-person timed meet and greets are scheduled for April 10. A temporary exhibit of participants' photography will be displayed from April to August.
- Public Art Map
 - Kelly Bennett presented the working public art map to the Commission.
- Juke Box Therapy
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the City Attorney has some questions regarding public forums, which could make the Juke Box project not adoptable by the City. Kelly Bennett and Jason Thiel will investigate location alternatives.
- Covid Memorial
 - Kelly Bennett reported that a committee that includes health care professionals and Commission members will meet in April.
- Artistic Bus Shelters
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the committee has done some research on historic sites near bus shelters and will meet soon to discuss.
- Memory Wall of Peace and Love
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the project is expected to move forward in the spring or early summer.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No citizens signed up for the public comment period.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

*Next Full Commission Meeting:
May 4, 2021 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting*