

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

JULY 7, 2020

2:00 P.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

II. CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

MOTION David Finn moved to postpone the discussion until the August meeting so more members would be available to vote.

SECOND Jane Doub

VOTE Unanimous

III. APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

➤ June 2, 2020

MOTION Janie Wilson moved to approve the June meeting minutes.

SECOND Jane Doub

VOTE Unanimous

IV. FORSYTH TECH CLASS PROJECT – JASON LANCASTER

Jason Lancaster, an art professor at Forsyth Technical Community College, proposed to the Commission that one of his art classes work with the City to paint a mural or complete another public art project. Commission members suggested he investigate the Winston-Salem Portrait Project for ways to include community outreach in such a project and possibly to do a trial mural at Forsyth Tech. Kelly Bennett suggested that there were many walls inside and outside City recreation centers that could benefit from such a project.

V. STREET MURAL POLICY

Kelly Bennett and City of Winston-Salem Deputy Transportation Director Jeffrey Fansler discussed the City's Street Mural Policy, which is currently under development. The policy would set out rules for organizations that request permission to paint a mural or slogan on City-maintained streets. At meeting time, the draft was under review by the City Attorney. David Finn expressed concern about the Public Art Commission getting involved in political messages and slogans. Jane Doub asked if painting a slogan on the street is actually a mural or if it is something else. Finn said that the Commission should not make the decision to say what is and is not art.

VI. THIRD STREET MURAL

Natalie Hughes, on behalf of the Unity Coalition, applied to the City to paint the slogan, "Black Lives Matter" on Third Street, between Church and Chestnut Streets. The

Commission did not take up the application because the City's Street Mural policy was not complete by the time of the meeting.

VII. TRADE STREET MURAL

Natalie Hughes, on behalf of the Unity Coalition, applied to the City to paint the slogan, "Black Art Matters" on Trade Street, between Seventh and Fifth Streets. The Commission did not take up the application because the City's Street Mural policy was not complete by the time of the meeting.

VIII. ARTIST CONVOCATION DISCUSSION

Kelly Bennett reported that the draft Public Art Plan has been posted online with a survey, which has received approximately 60 responses to date.

IX. PUBLIC ART PLAN

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X. PROJECT REPORTS

- Fourth Street
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the project committee spoke and decided to attempt an artist call that encourages artists with little or no sculpture experience to apply and possibly partner with an experience fabricator.
- Artistic Bus Shelters
 - Kelly Bennett reported that the project is going well with artists submitting their work and contracts being processed.
- Memory Wall of Peace and Love
 - Kelly Bennett reported that he will be writing up a call for bids for the project.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No citizens signed up for the public comment period.

XII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

*Next Full Commission Meeting:
August 4, 2020 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting*