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Meeting Minutes Public Art Commission

Thursday, October 22, 2020

4:30 PM

5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall

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Most, if not all, Public Art Commission members and other staff will participate in this meeting by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams. Those who may be assembling for this meeting will do so in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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Audio of the meeting was streamed via Legistar live online at the following web address:

<https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Participating in the Meeting/Providing Public Comment

1. Public wanting to comment regarding items on the agenda prior to the meeting
Citizens were encouraged to provide their comments in writing to susan.glasser@richmondgov.com in lieu of speaking through audio or video means during the meeting. All written comments received via email prior to 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 22, 2020, were provided to all members of the Public Art Commission prior to the beginning of the meeting and will be included in the record of the meeting.

The person responsible for receiving written comments is Susan Glasser, Secretary to the Public Art Commission.

AGENDA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Kistler at 4:40 pm.

Roll Call

Present -- 7 - * Commissioner Charles Piper, * Commissioner Matthew Spahr, * Commissioner Andrea Almond, * Commissioner Amber Esseiva, * Commissioner Ana Edwards, * Commissioner Ashley Kistler and * Commissioner Anne Fletcher
Absent -- 2 - * Commissioner Gary Flowers and * Commissioner Vivek G. Murthy

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Anne Fletcher made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Matt Spahr to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Approved (5): Anne Fletcher, Charles Piper, Maggie Small, Matt Spahr, Kevin Vonck

Abstained (1): Ashley Kistler

Secretary's Report

A special meeting to reconsider outstanding road mural proposals was tentatively scheduled for October 29 pending clarification from City Administration regarding possible new policies for rights-of-way murals.

The regularly scheduled meeting for November falls on Thanksgiving. A new meeting date of November 19, 2020 was agreed upon.

Consideration of Continuances and Deletions from Agenda

Bloomberg W Marshall/Brook Road Project

Bloomberg W Marshall/Brook Road Project: greenlighted by the Director of PDR with support from the City Attorney's Office since it is technically a City-initiated project and can arguably meet the legal requirement for government speech.

Bike Walk RVA Road Mural Proposal

Anne made a motion, seconded by Charles, to continue consideration of the proposal pending clarification from the Administration regarding murals in city rights-of-way. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Library and Storm Drain Mural Proposal

Ashley made a motion, seconded by Matt, to continue consideration of the proposal pending clarification from the Administration regarding murals in city right-of-way. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

REGULAR AGENDA**Project Updates**

Westover Hills

Community Gardens

Hillside Court

Southside Community Center

Westover Hills: Draft of the survey has been completed and sent to key stakeholders for review; Anne has reached out to the elementary school to explore possibilities for some type of virtual workshop with students.

Community Gardens: Thirty-six responses were received for the survey that was sent to current users of the City's community gardens. Vik Murthy has asked to be relieved of responsibility of chairing the Artist Selection Panel due to an over-committed schedule. Charles Piper and Maggie Small expressed an interest in taking over the chair responsibilities but needed more information before making a final decision.

Hillside Court: Amber is working on pulling together the Artist Selection Panel. Divya Nautiyal with HKS Architects forwarded the results of another community workshop to further help define the nature of the project.

Southside Community Center: Andrea Almond is finalizing the Artist Selection Panel. She also shared plans for the proposed site and pointed out a number of challenges including powerline easements and infrastructure challenges. The RFP for bidding on the construction has been sent out by the City.

Mellon Foundation Grant

Mellon Foundation Grant: Susan participated in a preliminary meeting to discuss this grant opportunity with several City staff members (meeting participants included Lincoln Saunders, COS, Mayor's Office; Maggie Anderson, Executive Staff Assistant, Mayor's Office; Chris Frelke, Director, DPR; Ryan Rinn, Economic Development Business Services Manager, DPR; Robert Steidel, DCAO of Operations, DPU; Adam Hohl, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, DPU; Kim Chen, DED; and Susan).

As background, the grant requires: application by a 501(c)3; an initial inquiry to the Foundation; a formal invitation to submit a proposal from the Foundation; multiple rewrites of the application (per the Foundation). Mellon staff will then recommend select proposals to the Foundation's Board of Trustees which meet March, June, September, and December. It is unclear whether or not matching funds will be required.

Apparently several people around the City have reached out to the Mayor's Office about partnering on a project proposal though no specific names or organizations were identified.

Several project concepts were discussed with a focus on Monument Avenue and/or Shockoe Bottom. Potential non-profit partners were also discussed. No final decisions were made.

Commissioners discussed how the PAC can be proactive in participating in this grant. Any further course of action will require more direction from the Administration, though there was general consensus that the PAC should take a leadership role.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ashley stressed the need to more assertively promote the PAC around town including its new commissioners, the approved FY21-FY22 Work Plan, and the upcoming RFPs. Further discussions need to be had.

Adjournment

Chair Ashley Kistler gaveled the meeting closed at 6:05 PM.