



CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

April 2023 | MINUTES

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 1 PM - 2 PM

JB Collins Conference Room

PRESENT: Jonathan Dean, Angie To, Lindsey Willke, Aaron Cole

STAFF: Carmen Davis, Senior Director Arts, Culture & Creative Economy, Austin Center, Collection Management Specialist, Kate Kirnie, Contractor

CITY ADVISORY: Harolda Bryson (Legal)

I. CALL TO ORDER - Commissioner Jonathan Dean served as chair

A. Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Dean to approve the February minutes. Second by Commissioner Cole to approve minutes. Unanimous to Approve .

B. Introduction of Kate Kirnie

II. UPDATES

A. Introduction of Contract Specialist

B. Austin Center Updates

1. Luminous Light Mast - was designed for less of a wind event than what is recommended today. Mast B is the second one and started showing a bend in the design and had to be removed. At the recommendation of insurance and certain city departments they have been inspected. Luminous Light Mast A has a slight twist. The city engineers tried to do a survey but couldn't get good images from the survey. The last mast at the end of the pier

Replace light mast B. Safety concern due to bend. Artist recommendation to lower and/or restructured to be structured for current wind events.

Price to replace mast B is \$60-90k. If it is going to be put back up it will need to be restructured. No, immediate risk but within the next 2-5 years the piece will need to be redone or removed.



2. Sterchi Farms - Land sculpture update by Cooley. Non-traditional play area. Has a wooden component to it shows that some of the wood has deteriorated. Maintenance has pine trees that have been cut down from around the city. The artist has approved using pine to replace the deteriorated pieces. Work order for repair has been submitted. The ends of the wood will be sealed. Pine was chosen because it will last longer in this environment and the sap in it will help to repel water better. Seven logs that will be replaced.
3. The Scramble - Singer Studios. River City project. River City is ready to hand over the artwork to Public Art Chattanooga. There are 3 lids that were fabricated incorrectly (backwards). There is also cracking in the cement. The city engineer has been working with the artist on solutions to fix the issue. River City pays for the repairs.
4. Artwork Archives - New system to catalog the collection. Putting a spreadsheet together that will be uploaded including photos, maintenance reports, condition reports, etc will be kept.
5. Working with maintenance staff (parks and facility) about maintaining the outdoor collection. Learning processes to be able to assist with maintenance.

C. Kate Kirney Updates

1. Moonrise - Artist is using a new fabricator which is causing some delays. The city is ahead of schedule and waiting on the artist. Shooting for early June installation. Three week install. Hopefully wrapped by mid-summer.
2. Dreamy (East Lake Seating) - Dreamy is done with fabrication. Installation set for May 17. Duncan Sculpture Services has been hired to assist with installation. The artist will be on site the 17th & 18th. One day installation.
3. Unearthing Boldness (Blue Goose Hollow) - No, installation date scheduled at this time. Working with Yerby on permits. Kate met with planning. The city is going to secure any additional permits that may be needed.
4. Deaccession process. "Heavy metal" is being taken down today. A portion of the piece will go to UTC. Will be filing in the holes in the pad. "Chattanooga Music Man" currently working to make contact with the property owners. "Budding Pipelines" this piece is on county



property and we are currently making contact with them to get that piece removed.

III. Review & Discuss

- A. Commission Vacancies - spoke with Chris Anderson, the commission vacancies are not "vacant" until the appointment is made from the Mayor's office. We are waiting on a response from Chris on those decisions.
- B. Bloomberg Grant - worked with Rivercity, The Library, Art120 to submit the "The Artdoors" grant application - \$1.3 million dollar grant proposal.

*Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm by Commissioner **Tim Goldsmith***