



CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

JUNE 2023 | MINUTES

Thursday, June 22, 2023 / 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
JB Collins Conference Room / City Council Building

PRESENT: Ian-Alijah Bey, Aaron Cole, Jonathan Dean, Angie To

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 Angie to served as chair

A. Review & Approval of April 2023 Meeting Minutes

Minutes could not be approved due to lack of a quorum. .

II. UPDATES

A. Collection Updates

- Luminous Light Mast - information was shared around the options for repair or deaccession of Luminous Light Mast.
- The Scramble - update on repair work that has been approved by city of Chattanooga engineers and agreed upon with River City and the artist to get the piece ready for donation from River City to the City of Chattanooga.
- Clamber, Traverse, Scramble - update on repairs. Wood has been found, stripped and we are still waiting on it to dry before sealing.
- Software - Shared information about the collection management software. Uploading pictures of artwork, contracts, condition reports etc. 95 works have been entered in the system. Will use interns over the summer to help get the remaining pieces in the system with photographs and additional information.

- Main Terrain - had some lights go out on the piece. Found replacement lights. Looking for gear replacement. Will use LED lights so they will last longer. Artists approved the LED lights being used.
- Contemporary Budding Pipelines - deaccession approved years ago. Working with park maintenance to see if they can take it down.
- Ed Johnson - one of the photographs that was printed on metal. Picture has been removed and we are working to replace it. The replacement photo has been ordered.
- City Thread - issues with graffiti. Working with Downtown Partnership Alliance to help with maintenance to paint over the graffiti and remove stickers..

B. Project Updates

- Dreamy was installed at East Lake a week before school let out. Successful opening celebration.
- Moonrise - on track with Moonrise. July 24 target start date for installation.
- Chattanooga Music Man - Removed by Isaac Duncan. Left the pedestal but the owner wants it removed. We are going through the process to remove it.
- Unearthing Boldness - late September installation. Do not see any roadblocks with this installation.
- MLK Overpass - spoke with the artist and creative strategist. Still in contact with the railroad which is slowing us down. Conversation with Gail Hart who runs the city's property management for a possible alternative location on MLK.

C. Administrative Updates

- Hiring a Director of Public Art - approved to hire a Director of Public Art. The position title has been changed
- Interns - interviewed 3 interns for summer internships and will make a decision on who to hire after the meeting. This was an unexpected opportunity and we hope to also have a fall intern.
- Public Art Chattanooga Internal Audit - notified the commission that we are going through an internal audit.
- Commission Vacancies - informed that Chris Anderson is going to get the paperwork approved for recommended appointments. Hope to have a full commission roster by the next full commission meeting.
- Commissioner To asked about what happens to the space if Luminous Light Mast is deaccessioned?

Carmen Davis explained that with the current reimagining of the Riverfront this is perfect timing to have this piece removed. The hope is that we will replace it once the Riverfront renovations are completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm by Commissioner To.