



CHATTANOOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

City Council Building | J.B. Collins Conference Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Timothy Goldsmith, Chair; Angie To, Vice Chair; Ian-Alijah Bey; Courtney Cochran; Jonathan Dean; Nandini Makrandi; Ryan Kopet; Matthew Stovall

STAFF: Carmen Davis, Senior Director, Office of Arts, Culture and Creative Economy; Elizabeth Carriger, Manager, Public Art Chattanooga; Austin Center, Collection Management Specialist; Harolda Bryson, City Attorney

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM.

A. Introductions and Farewells:

- New Commissioner Ryan Kopet introduces herself.
- Commissioner Jonathan Dean is thanked for two years of service.

B. Approval of June 2024 Minutes: Motion made by Commissioner Kopet. Second by Commissioner Dean. Unanimous approval.

II. Policies & Procedures

A. For Vote: FY 2025 Public Art Annual Work Plan: Elizabeth Carriger provides an overview of the Public Art Annual Work Plan.

- Motion to approve the FY 2025 Public Art Annual Work Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Stovall. Second by Commissioner Cochran. Unanimous approval.

III. Projects

A. For Vote: Partnership Project - EPB Art Spark Box Locations:

- Elizabeth shares the list of locations to be considered for wrapping in student designed artwork as part of EPB's 2024-2025 Art Spark Goes to School competition and provides an overview of locations selected last year. The focus has been on activating boxes in areas outside the downtown area.
- Motion for approving the selected 15 locations listed below to be considered for EPB's Art Spark. Motion made by Commissioner Stovall. Second by Commissioner Makrandi. Unanimous approval.

Locations in blue selected last year should be prioritized. Other locations in no particular order except for the last location, which is lower priority.

Higher priority:

- 35. Gunbarrel area – 2334 Elam Ln, 37421. EPB structure # W1P9275.
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- 39. Volkswagen – 7372 Volkswagen Dr, 37416. EPB structure # W2P007.

No particular order of priority:

- 1. Hixson – 5248 Highway 153, 37343. EPB structure # D1P9454.
- 2. Hixson – 5319 Highway 153, 37343. EPB structure # D7P032.
- 5. St Elmo – 3535 Broad St, 37409. EPB structure # K1P9312.
- 9. Alton Park – 3501 Central Ave, 37410. EPB structure # L1P17030.
- 10. Alton Park – 1101 W 40th St 37409. EPB structure # L2P002.
- 12. Alton Park – 1177 W 40th St, 37409. EPB structure # L2P011.
- 26. Highland Park – 700 S Hawthorne St, 37404. EPB structure # O1P8133.
- 29. Amnicola – 700 River Terminal Rd, 37406. EPB structure # N6P003.
- 31. Amnicola – 700 River Terminal Rd, 37406. EPB structure # N6P016.
- 42. Hamilton Place – 2104 Hamilton Place Blvd. EPB structure # X3P081.
- 43. Hamilton Place – 2217 Hamilton Place Blvd. EPB structure # X3P096.

Lower priority:

- 13. Downtown – 175 Riverside Dr, 37402. EPB structure # M1P024.

B. Updates: Elizabeth provides the following project updates.

1. **Walnut Street Bridge Closure/Veterans Bridge Activations:** Public art consultant Meridith McKinley of Via Partnership has been engaged to provide project support. Due to the tight project timeline, we will be conducting an invitational art selection process for the bridge barriers and wayfinding elements. There will also be a mural component which will be a separate process with an open call to artists. The timeline for this phase does not need to be tied to the bridge closure and will be determined once the artist for phase 2 has been selected.
2. **CARTA Art on the Bus Project / Art in Motion:** CARTA has given the green light to move forward with the project which will activate the interior of a CARTA bus with original art. Next step is to draft the Call to Artists.
3. **Stadium:** Nothing new to report. We are still working in identifying additional funding.

C. New Projects:

1. **One Westside:** Elizabeth shares that she has her first meeting for the overall development project in the next few weeks and hopes to have a clearer sense of the project timeline and details following that meeting.

IV. Collections Management

A. Updates:

- *Rhino Pull Toy*: Repairs by artist Ray Padron slated for September.
- *The Scramble*: Final repairs to the water container lids should be completed next week.
- *Volumes*: The electricity has been turned off. We are still working through how to address the appearance and function of the plaza with the water component deactivated.
- *Bronze Sculptures*: We will be moving forward with having them waxed and cleaned, hopefully this fall.
- *Scatter*: Plans underway to have the work repainted using more durable paints.
- *The Passage - Stickball Players*: Elements are rusting in part due to water run off. In the absence of shop drawings, we are looking at having them digitally scanned so that they can be recut and reinstalled with spacers behind them so that they are not flush to the wall. We were exploring a temporary fix but feel that it is not advantageous due to costs.

B. For Discussion:

- *Skateboard deterrents (Scatter, City Thread)*: Discussion held around creating skateboard deterrents for works such as *Scatter* and *City Thread*. Implementing solutions such as textured cement, turned up bricks, or cast corner bumps (ADA compliant) that make approaching the works unappealing for skateboarders were shared. These are key technical considerations for future works.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM. Motion made by Commissioner Cochran. Second by Commissioner Dean. Unanimous approval.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2024, 1:00 - 3:00 PM