



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

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Public Arts Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

Monday, September 29, 2020

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order** – 6:01 by Co-Chair Pereira

2. **Roll Call**

Present

Absent

- I. Peter Pereira, Chair
- II. Tonya Akins
- III. Joseph Aronstein
- IV. Damian Fitzsimmons
- V. Lark Keeler
- VI. Joyce Warner

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3. **Discussion on Minutes from August 25th meeting**

Discussion on minutes from August 25th meeting occurred. Mr. King worked with the Board to get consensus on the contents to be included in the August 25th minutes, which would be prepared and available for review and approval at the November meeting.

4. **Adoption of the Agenda**

- I. Motion by: Lark Keeler
- II. 2nd by: Damian Fitzsimmons
- III. Motion result: unanimous approval

5. **Public Comments on Agenda & Non-Agenda Items**

Marusca Gatto gave public comment regarding the DDA. Laura Simon and former Assistant City Manager Suzanne Fisher had a conversation about a wall at the Visitor's Center between the restrooms that is very blank. Ms. Gatto expressed that this conversation spurred interest in placing a mural on that wall. The DDA has some funding, but the DDA is looking to partner with PAAB and the City to place a mural there. DDA is also interested in a temporary installation in February in front of the Tennis Center for the duration of the month when the tennis tournament will be occurring. One of the ideas for the installation was big white letters that would read "LOVE DELRAY" that would drive visitors to take photos. Perhaps the installation would be mobile. DDA could do this independently and request approval as an applicant, but the DDA's preference is to work with PAAB/City on this as well.

The Board expressed general interest in collaborating with the DDA on the projects Ms. Gatto discussed. Mr. Fitzsimmons expressed his preference for ethnic diversity on a mural at the Visitor's Center restrooms that would portray a person. There was further discussion about how these projects would initiate and get paid for. Ms. Keeler provided examples in the Teams chat of artists in Miami, Roberta and Rosario, that could be a potential artist to create the "LOVE DELRAY" letters. Ms. Keeler also offered an idea of translating "love" into different languages in the future.

Mr. Aronstein offered that there may be some folks at the tennis center that may want to make a financial contribution to this effort. Mr. King will be looking into the legal framework for the City's acceptance of corporate contributions for public art. There was discussion of next steps that would include the feasibility of having this done by February. The City will also research the most suitable platform for the letters to rest on.

6. New Business/Scheduled Guests

I. Public Art Program and Public Art Trust

Mr. King gave an update on public art funds. The available funds for public art that was identified in the Public Art Trust are \$56,356. These funds, however, were not appropriated in the budget process for the FY 2020-2021 budget. These funds will be appropriated through a budget amendment. Mr. King is working on this. Mr. King will ensure that the Public Art Trust will be properly budgeted for in the future so that funds will not sit unable to be spent.

Mr. King gave a review on the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Public Art Advisory Board and advised that further review on this matter would occur at the next meeting.

7. Old Business/Updates

I. Update on I-95 sound wall Heritage Here Community Mural

Documents and approvals are prepared to move forward on the sound wall mural. The City Commission just needs to appropriate the funds to be able to move forward.

II. Update on Michiko Kurisu's Heritage Art Project

Documents and approvals are prepared to move forward on the poetry stamping project. The City Commission just needs to appropriate the funds to be able to move forward.

III. Veteran's Park benches

Ms. Keeler proposed this project in the past and had also identified an artist that could produce the benches. More research must be done on this. Mr. King will be speaking with the City Manager about this idea. Jim Gallucci is the sculptor that created similar benches in Key West.

IV. Wrapping utility boxes

Ms. Keeler advised that the City should find out which utility boxes in the city are City-owned versus non-City-owned. The utility boxes on the beach were of greatest interest.

V. Mapping of public art pieces

Mr. King will be working with Parks and Recreation and Ms. Gatto from DDA on

VI. Zero empty spaces

A meeting occurred where Zero Empty Spaces/Evan Snow presented. No further action is necessary on this item.

8. Other Business

Items were discussed for next meeting agenda, including a Board retreat. Mr. King is going to work on planning this with the City for a Bo

Black Lives Matter mural is on hold. Applicant has not yet been identified.

9. Adjournment – 8:10