



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

100 NW 1st Avenue
Delray Beach, FL 33444

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Peter Pereira, Chair

Joe Aronstein

Lark Keeler

Maxwell Zengage

Absent:

Damian Fitzsimmons

Joyce Warner

Staff present:

Jason King, Legislative Affairs Manager

Kelly Brandon, Assistant City Attorney

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. NEW BUSINESS

I. Utility Box Wrapping – Staff Seeking Input

II. Jeff Whyman Sculpture Placement in Pineapple Grove

Items II and III were addressed together.

Mr. King presented a series of sculptures by Jeff Whyman and explained they had been previously before the Board for review, but the recommendations of the Board at that time are unclear. He explained under the proposal, the Pineapple Grove Arts District would retain ownership and the two (2) sculptures, titled "Hope" and "Shy Dancer" would be placed in cooperation with the City. He outlined the proposed locations in the public right-of-way in Pineapple Grove and discussed the criteria to be considered.

Pineapple Grove Arts District President David Beale explained the artist of the dog sculpture was not known. He provided brief background on artist Jeff

Whyman and his sculptures. Mr. Whyman spoke briefly on the two (2) proposed pieces, including past exhibits and materials.

Pineapple Grove Arts District Vice President Cecilia Boone provided a background on the adventures of the dog sculpture and explained the efforts to return the piece to Pineapple Grove.

Ms. Keeler asked Mr. Whyman for clarification on the number of art pieces he had on display in the community, and shared concerns regarding nudity in the Hope sculpture and maintenance of the pieces. Mr. Whyman responded.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate location for the dog sculpture and the nearby trash can.

Ms. Keeler asserted she was not in support of placing the dog in front of an existing art gallery without bringing the gallery into the conversation. She stated the art was not appropriate to the site and discussed the condition of the sculpture.

Mr. Beale shared additional history on the dog sculpture. He explained the location would be restricted to Pineapple Grove.

Motion made by Mr. Zengage, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to recommend the City Commission approve the "Hope" sculpture be displayed in perpetuity on NE 2nd Avenue as requested by the Pineapple Grove Arts District pending the final location as determined by the Public Works Department.

Upon roll call, the **motion passed** by a 4-0 vote. Yes: Chair Pereira, Mr. Aronstein, Ms. Keeler, and Mr. Zengage.

Ms. Keeler stated she felt strongly there should be a diversity of artists represented in Delray Beach, and only one (1) of the two (2) sculptures should be placed.

Motion made by Mr. Zengage, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to recommend the City Commission approve the "Shy Dancer" sculpture be displayed in perpetuity on NE 2nd Avenue as requested by the Pineapple Grove Arts District pending the final location as determined by the Public Works Department.

Upon roll call, the **motion passed** by a 3-1 vote. Yes: Chair Pereira, Mr. Aronstein, and Mr. Zengage. No: Ms. Keeler.

Ms. Keeler stated she did not feel the dog sculpture was a high-quality work of art at this time, as listed in the Board's criteria. Mr. Aronstein argued the gallery should be consulted before making a decision.

Motion made by Ms. Keeler, seconded by Mr. Aronstein to recommend the City Commission deny the dog sculpture be displayed in perpetuity on NE 2nd Avenue as requested by the Pineapple Grove Arts District pending the final location as determined by the Public Works Department.

Upon roll call, the **motion passed** by a 3-1 vote. Yes: Mr. Aronstein, Ms. Keeler, and Mr. Zengage. No: Chair Pereira.

III. Dog Sculpture Placement in Pineapple Grove

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6. OTHER BUSINESS AND STAFF OR BOARD COMMENTS**I. Discussion on PAAB Public Art Project/Installation Priorities Recommendation**

Mr. King updated on presentation of the PAAB priorities to the City Commission, explaining staff was working to get estimates for the six (6) projects, including wrapping the utility boxes, master planning, LOVE portable sculpture, inventory of existing public art, comprehensive assessment of public art condition, and restoration as needed. He noted the recommendations would be communicated to the City Commission once financial details were researched.

Mr. King stated staff had been speaking to artists regarding the LOVE sculpture and finding a material suitable to portability had been challenging with an eye to wind and weight. Discussion ensued regarding consideration of a fixed sculpture and feasibility of the recommendation for a portable piece.

II. Discussion on Resuming In-Person Meetings

Mr. King provided clarification on discussion regarding resuming meetings in person in June. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's comfort levels and the logistics of meeting in person. Assistant City Attorney Brandon explained IT restrictions related to hybrid meetings.


Assistant City Attorney Brandon updated on the Ordinance to give the PAAB recommending authority to the City Commission and explained it had passed second reading. Mr. King provided additional updates from recent City Commission meetings, including sidewalk stamping and the mural at Catherine Strong Park.

Ms. Keeler expressed frustration regarding the City's timeline and getting projects completed. Mr. King and Assistant City Attorney Brandon responded briefly.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Board Liaison


Date


Board Chair


Date