



City of Rockwall
The New Horizon

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION

Council Chamber Conference Room, 385 S. Goliad, Rockwall, TX 75087

March 14, 2016

10:00 A.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/WELCOME

A quorum of members was present to call the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Present were Commission members: Doug Agee, Betty Jean Hoaglund, Kathleen Morrow and Jane Braddock. Commission Chair, Judge David Sweet was present (by phone). Staff member, Bethany Browning, Community Relations Manager was also present.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and take action on approval of February 8, 2016 minutes.

Doug Agee made a motion to approve the February 8th minutes with the correction that Betty Jean Hoaglund was absent from that meeting. The motion was seconded by Jane Braddock and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Update/discussion on the Art in Public Places Master Plan.

Commissioners discussed and reviewed the draft master plan presented by Community Relations Manager Bethany Browning. Mrs. Browning explained that the master plan was pieced together using some portions from other plans from other cities; including things such as artist agreements, legal, technical procedures and insurance coverage. General discussion took place regarding what, if any, insurance would be needed on the city's behalf or the artist. More notations were taken from commission members for Mrs. Browning to work from.

Commission member Betty Jean Hoaglund gave different recommendations for possibly renting some art for display for the April downtown celebration. Commission member Jane Braddock stated that the pieces could possibly be on display but also for purchase by the public but was not certain.

Commission Chair, David Sweet (by phone) stated that he would be in support of whatever the board would like to do for the celebration. He went further to explain that the possibility of a mural being complete on one of the downtown buildings might be a good option. Commission member Jane Broddock suggested that even if the piece was not complete perhaps the artist could be working on it the day of the event, but had concerns if there would be a time restriction for getting the legal contract for the work drafted in time.

Bethany Browning explained that the master plan would need to be available for the City Attorney to review before it can be available for adoption by council. She went on to explain that a contract would need to be done with the owner of the building that the mural would go on as well. Commission member Kathleen Morrow recommended that a mock up from the artist contracted to do the mural be put on display instead for the sake of time.

C. Updates from commission members regarding the downtown art installation.

All members agreed that approvals and contracts needed to be in place before any artist could be considered. There were general questions regarding if council approval was actually needed for temporary artwork. Mrs. Browning stated that she would look into that to get a better idea. Mrs. Browning asked the commissioners if there would be a cost associated with having artists' temporary display their pieces.

David Sweet (by phone) stated he would forward the proposal from the mural artist for to Bethany Browning to distribute out to the other commission members. Commission member Kathleen Morrow asked if it would be possible to move forward with the understanding that a one day contract or agreement be sufficient for whatever they decide to do for the sake of time regarding the event. Chair David Sweet agreed that should be fine. David Sweet agreed that the following Monday (March 21st) would be a good suggested due date for the master plan final draft to be complete. He went on to say he would be in touch with the owner of the building that the mural would be located on and report back to the other members regarding the outcome of that conversation.

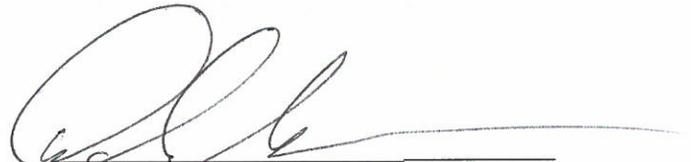
D. Discussion concerning the Celebrate Downtown Rockwall event scheduled for Saturday, April 16th, and possible ideas related to PR for the Art in Public Places Project.

Commission member Jane Braddock suggested the possibility of having an art contest at all the schools to gain more community involvement. Commission member Doug Agee suggested using social media to reach more people such as local newspapers and publications. Bethany Browning stated that the city's new Public Information Officer would be involved to get the proper PR done on the technical side through Facebook and various other media outlets. More comments were made regarding a possible art contest for children to do and how to execute the judging of it and the process and plan for how to execute that idea. Commission member Betty Jean Hoaglund offered to contact local artist Jack Palmer to discuss creation of a contest page. Bethany Browning also updated the members on an upcoming Blue Ribbon News publication that would be coming out in the coming weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, TEXAS,
this 11th day of April 2016.



David Sweet
Art Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

B. Browning
Name Title