



City of Rockwall
The New Horizon

| Minutes

ART COMMISSION MEETING – VIA ZOOM

City Hall – 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas – February 8, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Board Members Present: Doug Agee, Kathleen Morrow, Ginger Womble, Chris Kosterman

Absent: None, 1 Open Board Seat

Staff: Bethany Browning, Art Board Liaison, Joey Boyd, Assistant City Manager

Council Liaison: Not Present

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Zoom meeting was called to order at 9:12AM.
2. **Open Forum:** No emails were sent by the public prior to the meeting, therefore the forum was closed at 9:12AM.
3. **Appointment:**
 - A. **Brittany Hardin submitted a mural concept for the board to provide feedback.**

Ms. Browning provided board members a copy of Bonafide Betties Pie Co.'s first mural concept. Ms. Browning stated the mural design as presented, includes the business name. According to City ordinance, a business name painted on a wall is prohibited. Therefore, the name would have to be omitted from the wall and placed on a window, door or attached sign. Board members asked how long Ms. Hardin's lease is and also if she planned to paint the remaining exterior brick. Board members expressed concern that painting over the mural at a future date would not match the current brick exterior. A chemical removal method was also discussed as an alternative. Doug asked if the artist was aware of moisture issues and might she be planning to address such concerns prior to fabrication of the mural. Ms. Browning will contact Ms. Hardin for an amended concept, her lease terms, exterior painting and if the artist recommends an exterior moisture barrier/sealant. No action was taken at this time.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - A. **Review and act on the January 11, 2021 minutes.**

Doug Agee made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Ginger Womble seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
 - B. **Hear an update from Kathleen Morrow regarding the Art in Public Places Master Plan and discuss and take any necessary action.**

Kathleen, Chris and Ginger provided minor wording changes in the first five pages of the document and the addition of a "history" section. The board expressed no concerns with the proposed changes. The committee will continue working through the next section of the document and bring back to the March meeting for the board's consideration. No action was taken at this time.
 - C. **Discuss existing and future projects and meeting dates and take any necessary action.**

Butterfly Project: Upon visiting several of the City's butterfly gardens, Ginger suggested the group gather more information. At this time the board is concerned placing the butterfly sculptures in the gardens could prove challenging, based on locations and size of gardens. Public art projects need maximum visibility for effectiveness and appropriate locations are critical to the success of the project. Ginger volunteered to speak with the Director of Parks and Recreation to gather additional information about future plans for the gardens. No action was taken at this time.

Discovery Project: Doug reported that he and Bethany would contact Cow Painters and acquire additional details for the group's consideration. Doug stated he would reach out to the artist (Jim Bryant) for his input as well. Kathleen expressed concerns related to future fundraising efforts for a bronze sculpture, as the cost is upwards of \$400,000.00 compared to fiberglass, which is a fraction of the cost. Kathleen made a motion to investigate fiberglass as an alternative material for the fabrication of Discovery. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

March Meeting Date: Due to Spring Break, the next Art Commission meeting will be rescheduled to Monday, March 1, 2021.

5. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2021.

Minutes Submitted by Bethany Browning, Art Commission Staff Liaison