

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
City Commission Room
February 9, 2022

Present: Ms. Karen McCulloh, Mr. Doug Barrett Jr., Ms. Charlene Brownson, Ms. Sujatha Prakash, Mr. Mike McCarty, and Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay

Absent: Ms. Julie Pentz, Ms. Hilary Wahlen, and Mr. Jahvelle Rhone

Staff Present: Mr. Randi Clifford, Ms. Molli Maberry, Ms. Kristen Dolf, and Mr. Dave Baker

Others: Bruce McMillan, Janet Cooper

A. Call to Order

1. Ms. McCulloh called the meeting to order at 11:58 am.

B. Consider approval of the Minutes for the meeting held on January 12, 2022.

1. Approval of the January 12, 2022, minutes with a motion made by Dr. Reay and seconded by Ms. Brownson. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Public Comment (in-person or received in advance)

1. None
2. Randi introduced Janet Cooper, President of Sunset Zoo Trust, and let the board know she was present to speak about an agenda item.

D. KOMA Memo

1. Kansas Open Meetings Act memo adapted for AHAB. Reminders of guidelines for conducting public board meetings.

E. Discussion Items

1. Tal Streeter Sculpture Project
 - a. Background about GMCF grant to study feasibility of project.
 - b. Bruce McMillan was present to update the board. He stated that project has not been executed due to structural components.
 - c. Bruce is in contact with Zahner, a metal fabrication firm in KC, to get their recommendations on fabrication materials for project.
 - d. There is a K-State professor working on a process to develop a fussed material model using mushrooms. Bruce has contacted this professor to find out if the Tal Streeter project is feasible with this new kind of technology. Committee would like to hear a short presentation from this professor if possible.
 - e. Randi has not been able to reach Jay Nelson but will follow up and see if we can touch base with family. Family was willing to donate intellectual property, but they need to be made aware of alternative options for project.
2. Juried Public Art Exhibition 2022-23
 - a. Board agreed to ask GMCF for \$10,000 - \$15,000 more for the 2022-23 exhibition.

- b. A separate committee is needed to finalize this project. Ms. Wahlen, Ms. Brownson, and Ms. McCulloh will serve on committee for this project.
 - c. Timeline could vary depending on funding and approval from City Commission. Late summer/fall is the likely timeframe.
 - d. There is a well-qualified artist/staff member from Salina Arts & Humanities interested in serving as juror for the next round of the exhibition.
3. Douglass Center Mural Project
- a. Mr. Baker spoke on behalf of the Douglass Advisory Board. They are currently planning on a statue in front of the original USO building (DCC) and some type of art in front of the old school (Annex). The Douglass Board is not interested in a mural being painted at this time.
 - b. Mr. McMillan also stated that painting anything on the outside of the building at this time would damage the baked-on enamel and void the building's warranty. His recommendation would be a free-standing mural.
4. Sunset Zoo WPA Art Mural Project
- a. Janet Cooper, President of Sunset Zoo Trust, informed the board of a mural that is being donated to Sunset Zoo. She is interested in expediting the process to have the mural completed by the Exhibit Asia opening in April.
 - b. The donor is going through the City because they already have a vision for the project and an artist chosen to paint the mural.
 - c. Ms. Dolf is responsible for managing donor initiated public art. She informed all involved that the City Commission has ultimate final say regardless of what recommendations they receive.
 - d. AHAB will consider a special meeting between now and the next regularly scheduled meeting to approve once the application is moved forward and a staff review for technical feasibility has been completed.
 - e. Board members discussion indicated that even though the donated art policy is public, it is not easily accessible for artists and is hard to locate. Ms. Dolf said that she will work on making it more visible and easier to access.

F. Other Business

- 1. 2022 meeting dates were posted on the back of meeting agenda

G. Staff Reports

- 1. None

H. Adjournment

- 1. Meeting adjourned 1:08 pm.

Next Meeting – March 9, 2022