

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
1101 POYNTZ AVE
MANHATTAN, KS
JULY 13, 2022
11:45 AM

Present: Chair Doug Barrett Jr., Hilary Wahlen, Taylor McFall, Luke Townsend, Michaeline Chance-Reay, and Mike McCarty

Absent:, Sujatha Prakash, Karen McCulloh, and Charlene Brownson

Staff Present: Wyatt Thompson, Jared Wasinger, Ron Fehr

A. Call to Order

1. Chair Barret Jr. called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

B. Consider approval of the Minutes for the meeting held on June 8, 2022.

1. Approval of the June 8, 2022, minutes with a motion made by Wahlen and seconded by Chance-Reay. Motion passed 6-0.

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

1. None

D. Discussion Items

1. **Art Inventory Update** – Board members discussed public art they had identified in the community and notified Wyatt Thompson they would send those lists to Chelsea Renner.
2. **AHAB Roles and Responsibilities** – Chair Barrett Jr. requested understanding on how to create art funding at the city level. City Manager Ron Fehr described the process and conversations that occurred with the City Commission during the creation of the donor initiated public art policy. The majority of the City Commission was unwilling to fund a full-time staff person to pursue public art efforts nor create any policy dedicating a portion of project funding go to public art. Chair Barrett Jr. discussed the need to articulate to the City Commission the need for staff support and funding, and how public art ties people visiting Manhattan and the return on investment. Taylor McFall discussed how the City Commission ultimately sets funding and how other communities like Austin, Texas, have dedicated Transient Guest Tax revenue going to public art. McFall suggested approaching the Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau for funding in the 2024 budget. Thompson provided an overview of the board's bylaws and purpose. McFall and members provided suggestions on how to provide an annual report to the City Commission and the timeliness of the report as it relates to budget preparation.
3. **2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program** – Wyatt Thompson provided an overview of the 2023 budget as currently presented to the City Commission. After

discussion, the board voted 6-0 to recommend the City Commission consider including space and infrastructure for art elements and musical performances (including busking) as part of the 12th and Laramie streetscape project (CIP #MA011P). Chair Barrett Jr. recommended staff notification of upcoming projects in advance to pursue the possible incorporation of art.

4. **Art Grants** – Taylor provided examples of art grants the City could look to apply for in the future: Reimagined Spaces, Strategic Investment Program, and the Arts Integration Program. The board voted 6-0 to add Grant Opportunities and Potential Projects to the next meetings agenda as new business.

E. Other Business

1. **Zoo Mural Update** – Wyatt Thompson notified the board of the Sunset Zoo WPA Mural Reception to be held on July 20.
2. **Donated Art Application Update** – Wyatt Thompson notified the board that the artist who recently committed to creating sculptures at the Sunset Zoo passed away unexpectedly, so the application is currently on hold as they identify another artist to do the work.

F. Staff Reports

1. Wyatt Thompson provided an overview of current conversations happening with the Parks and Recreation Advisory board including his presentation to the board on July 11 and the upcoming Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to be held on July 18. Thompson also notified the board that Molli Maberry will no longer be serving as the staff liaison to the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board, and that Jared Wasinger, Assistant City Manager, would be fulfilling the role temporarily until another staff member was on board.

G. Adjournment

1. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm

Next Meeting – August 10, 2022