



CITY OF FRANKLIN

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

December 10, 2020

Members Present:

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| Patrick Tisdale, President | Greg Potter (via Zoom) |
| Ken Kosky, Vice President | Holly Johnston (via Zoom) |
| Joshua Hendrickson, Secretary | Jessica Giles (via Zoom) |
| Gail Richards | Chrissy Robertson |
| Mandy Hardebeck | Dave Windisch |
| Nick Crisafulli | |

Others Present:

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| Krista Linke | Community Development Director |
| Dana Monson | Community Development Specialist |
| Alex Getchell | Senior Planner |
| Steve Barnett | Mayor |

Call to Order

Patrick Tisdale called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Approval of Minutes

Ken Kosky made a motion to approve the November 12 minutes. Mandy Hardebeck seconded. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Presentation of Cultural Arts and Entertainment District Work to Date – Krista Linke gave an historic overview with a rough draft handout of the work to date began in 2018 and a map proposing boundaries for the district. It is Ms. Linke's belief that the commission should serve as the steering committee over this work going forward. She would like to have a monthly report for the commission's review and feedback. She invited feedback from the commission members. Members gave their descriptive and branding adjectives for the Franklin art district and culture.

Historic, quaint, downtown square, charming, welcoming, authentic, festive, fun, artistic, art in action through celebrations, activity, bustling downtown, quirky, progressive, innovative, safe, collaborative, lively, diverse cultural options, architecture, gathering, familiar, friendly, fun, home, people, small town feel, colorful, playful. Mr. Tisdale focused the list, highlighting the words action and familiar. Ms. Linke focused the commission on the task of identifying the entire list of short- and long-term goals, and also



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prioritizing the top several for the year. Mr. Tisdale would like to see the list refreshed at the February meeting. He believes the master plan to be serious and doesn't want to rush it.

Ms. Linke explained that originally the steering committee had determined that with Discover Downtown Franklin already having non-profit status, it would be the management entity for fund raising, grant applications and program management. Mr. Kosky did not encourage pursuing non-profit status for the commission but to keep that with a more well-known organization. Holly Johnston reminded that a multi-cultural festival was held annually in November started through Leadership Johnson County. Held in Beeson Hall, the space was very restricted and crowds started dwindling, but Ms. Johnston would like to see it be resurrected downtown at the amphitheater.

Ms. Linke reviewed the cultural district map, identifying the different sections. Mr. Tisdale suggested the actual district be a smaller, tighter area so more easily identifiable. Mr. Kosky agreed and suggested the possibility of additional iron arches in the future along with statues. Mr. Tisdale would like to decide on the map and branding in the coming months. The Franklin Arts and Entertainment District is a name to begin with that communicates clearly what is being identified.

Discussion and Adoption of Priorities for Commission – Mr. Tisdale introduced three principles:

1. Strive for excellence; be an example.
2. Create innovative structures for arts and culture, not projects.
3. Remove barriers to excellence and culture.

Chrissy Robertson expressed a need for deadlines. Gail Richards expressed support for deadlines and the three principles. She believed them to be a template that could be applied to any projects. Josh Hendrickson expressed support. Ms. Richards added that barriers can't be removed to the point of compromising the mission.

Discussion of Projects for Commission

Cultural District Master Plan – Previously presented and discussed in the meeting.

Formation of Sub-Committees and Research for Identified Projects – Mr. Tisdale identified areas needing sub-committees to begin work. He would like research to be done to define the project and goal and what other communities larger than Franklin that are likely to have greater funding available to them have done and what is required to accomplish the project

Master Plan – Mr. Kosky, Dave Windisch & Ms. Robertson
Banners/Electrical Boxes – Ms. Hardebeck, Ms. Richards, Mr. Hendrickson
Water Tower – Mr. Tisdale, Nick Crisafulli, Ms. Johnston
Sculptures – Jess Giles, Greg Potter

Dana Monson will compile and disseminate an historic synopsis of work that has been done previously in each of these areas along with committee member lists. Reports are to be made at the next meeting.



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Other Business:

There was no other business.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of January, 2021

Patrick Tisdale, President

Joshua Hendrickson, Secretary