



CITY OF FRANKLIN

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

March 11, 2021

Members Present:

Patrick Tisdale, President
Ken Kosky, Vice President
Joshua Hendrickson, Secretary
Nick Crisafulli
Jessica Giles
Mandy Hardebeck
Holly Johnston
Greg Potter
Chrissy Robertson

Others Present:

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| Krista Linke | Community Development Director |
| Dana Monson | Community Development Specialist |
| Alex Getchell | Senior Planner I |

Call to Order

Patrick Tisdale called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

Approval of Minutes

Ken Kosky made a motion to approve the February 11 minutes. Holly Johnston seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Nick Crisafulli entered the meeting.

Old Business:

Common Story – Patrick Tisdale – Mr. Tisdale told a story for motivational purposes from his youth.

Sculpture Subcommittee Presentation – Jess Giles – Through a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Giles presented several different sculpture designs. The first was a lightning bolt with a removable kite face which could be changed out. They considered the option of five- to seven-feet tall placed around as the visual boundary of the district, however the city already has monuments in those locations. Smaller models could be placed in downtown businesses and also sold as mementos. One quote for the taller ones came in at \$6,800/per.

A second concept presented was in conjunction with the Franklin Arts Garden meditative walk by Richard's. Other components that could be added to activate the other senses were shown. It also gives an opportunity for collaboration which provides backing from the community.



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A third example was a light installation of some sort in the area of the amphitheater. Mr. Tisdale added that an art display of colored poles only is also an option and less expensive than a light display.

Bicycle racks were presented as a fourth example. A quote was \$830/letter when a sign language display spelling out the name of the town was used. This could provide another opportunity for collaboration with the deaf community or Gray Goat.

Greg Potter offered feedback about the type of piece people would purchase. Additionally, he offered the suggestion of a larger art display that would lend itself to Instagram photos for posting. He also raised the question of maintenance of outdoor art. Mr. Tisdale asked the commission's opinions on larger sculpture pieces vs. the variety of smaller pieces. Mandy Hardebeck likes the ability to change them out. Mr. Potter suggested some sculptures could be used as signage directing to the amphitheater while others could serve as district boundary markers. Mr. Kosky believes the biggest impact is accomplished through concentrated groupings of sculptures, perhaps at the epicenter of the district, rather than scattered throughout the city. Dana Monson loves the collaboration element. Chrissy Robertson thinks less expensive materials could be used and also believes the lightning bolts alone could be used without the kites as well. Alex Getchell thinks different backgrounds and different events for the sculptures for photo opportunities is key as well, so maintaining them as mobile could be beneficial. Mr. Kosky suggested they could each one made out of different materials. Ms. Monson supports the sign language bike racks. Ms. Giles added the opportunity for collaboration with Franklin Schools on this project, citing Greenwood as a recent example.

Master Plan Subcommittee Presentation Completion – Ken Kosky – Mr. Tisdale identified the difference between identity and branding to him. Identity is the narrative. Branding is imagery. Ms. Robertson updated that they will be narrowing down to three completely different designs and shop them around different downtown businesses for feedback. Krista Linke reported having met as a committee. They need to continue working through the asset list and determine Franklin's story from this. Ms. Linke will have a draft for review at the April meeting. Feedback before then is invited. She also plans to follow through the outline topic by topic to have something to review at each month's meeting.

New Business:

Prioritizing Projects and Creation of Timeline – Patrick Tisdale -- The projects are water tower, electrical boxes and sculptures. There is money from the water company in the general fund. Chip Orner has not seen the second \$25,000 from 2020 as of yet. Only the first \$25,000 has been received to date. Mr. Tisdale believes the water tower to be a priority.

Mayor Steve Barnett expressed his desire to help with financing. Mr. Kosky thinks sponsors for the individual art pieces such as the lightning bolt sculptures could be secured as well. Ms. Monson advised bringing Indiana-American Water in to the meetings. The water tower would be spring or fall 2022. Ms. Giles believes banners should be first. Mr. Getchell thinks one 5-7' sculpture would be impactful and a good test for levels of interest for it. Mr. Potter suggested a moving bear sculpture that could travel to different locations in the city and businesses could dress it up. Mr. Kosky suggested that tourism could



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contribute a minimum of \$5000. And he would like to see initial limited funds given to permanent art initially as banners will only last a couple of years before replacement is required. Ms. Linke plans to fund the banners in city right-of-way through the Board of Works. The commission needs to focus on design. Tara Payne advised that the city would fund the banners. Matt Prine from the water company has \$50,000 for the tower so far. Mr. Tisdale asked for subcommittees to focus in on their funding and planning in the coming months. Electrical boxes will be on the back burner at this time.

Ms. Hardebeck left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Mr. Potter thinks specific assignments need to be made.

Arts Fund Update – Dana Monson – The city has \$15,000 seed money to start out. Public and private donations cannot be co-mingled. A fund will be set up at the Johnson County Community Foundation. There is a two percent cost each deposit and two percent again at year-end.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of April, 2021,

Patrick Tisdale, President

Joshua Hendrickson, Secretary