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Bicentennial Alley Update: Jessica Giles – Full funding has been received through FDC, Festival Country and the commission. It will include the hemmed stars and black light fixtures. The goal is to have the installation in place before September 10, which is the Artcraft's 100th birthday. Mark Richards will provide a map of underground utilities for the alley.

Bicentennial Banners: Ken Kosky – An extensive discussion was held about banners next year for the bicentennial. Mr. Hendrickson asked if bicentennial banners would be added to the current banners or replace them. Mr. Kosky thought it would be a replacement for the special year. Mr. Hendrickson would like to see the opportunity pursued of adding another street of banners whenever possible. He also advised consistency in the format of the banners but would like to see the specific art left up to the artists. There are county bicentennial efforts as well since Franklin is the county seat; also 2024 is the eclipse which is another art theme opportunity. Ms. Giles asked if the appeal would be to graphic designers or local artists. Mr. Hendrickson suggested matching what is being replaced, so it would depend on where they would be located. Mr. Kosky added the art options of 200 years in the past but also looking forward as well. Greg Potter suggested fishing the public for ideas and then giving that to the artists for renderings. Mr. Hendrickson added the thought of placing the banners along the parade route.

New Business:

Street Crosswalk Art: Dana Monson – Senior Planner Alex Getchell attended a session on asphalt art at a conference he recently attended. Ms. Monson presented several websites with a number of samples from across the country and descriptions of what was required to produce and maintain them along with price points. There are three basic types of street art – street murals, crosswalks and curb extensions. There is documentation that street art has a traffic calming influence with less vehicular speeding and accidents. There is also possible the opposite situation where as in Ames, Iowa they are in a lawsuit with the federal highway department due to an analysis that a painted crosswalk is unsafe. Mr. Kosky asked if federal agencies have local jurisdiction, and Ms. Monson explained they do because crosswalks are considered a traffic marking and there is a nationwide uniform traffic marking code.

Crosswalk Curb Extension Concept: Ms. Monson showed further examples of this art format as well. Pre-planning coordination would need to take place with the Board of Works and City Engineer Mark Richards on location and timing. Volunteers, community partnerships or calls for artists all could be used in the process to accomplishment. Ms. Monson also presented a location concept put together by Mr. Getchell in the area of Monroe, Jefferson and Jackson Streets. Ms. Richards asked if the sign ordinance would apply to this. Ms. Monson said it would not since this is not a mural or advertisement. Ms. Richards also asked if asphalt sealer was ever used when power washing is not available. Ms. Monson affirmed that it is used.

Bobbie Whitmore made some comments and committed \$1,000 to the project if done by the commission.

Ethos Celebration of the Arts October 1: Jessica Giles – The juried art fair application process is open until mid-August.



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Ms. Richards asked for the bicentennial banner timetable and numbers. Ms. Monson explained the first county event is March 8 with the city looking at doing something in May. The printing turnaround time has been a couple of weeks. There would be 34 banners if all current art banners were to be replaced. There are 28 on North and South Main. There are 14 sets on King Street.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of July, 2022,

Ken Kosky, President

Mallory Carnes, Secretary