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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

August 11, 2022

#### **Members Present:**

Ken Kosky, President  
Joshua Hendrickson, Vice President  
Holly Johnston, Secretary  
Jessica Giles  
Josh Hendrickson  
LuAnn Lietz  
Greg Potter  
Christy Raney  
Chrissy Robertson  
Dave Windisch

#### **Others Present:**

Alex Getchell                      Senior Planner I  
Dana Monson                      Community Development Specialist

#### **Call to Order**

Ken Kosky called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

#### **Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Jessica Giles made a motion to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes. Josh Hendrickson seconded. Passed unanimously, 10-0.

#### **Old Business:**

Resolution 22-05: Establishing Guidelines and Policy for Public Art – Lynn Gray – City Attorney Lynn Gray gave an overview of a Supreme Court case involving the city of Boston. It is binding on all government entities across the country. Boston had sets of flagpoles similar to what Franklin has at the amphitheater. Boston allowed anyone having an event of any kind to put his or her flags up for the event. They had no control and let everyone use the poles. Eventually controversial flags of a religious nature caused widespread angst in the Boston community. To guard against this, there is a need to keep from creating a “public forum”. Without this boundary, a governmental entity loses the ability to evaluate what message is placed on public flags and banners. The Johnson County courthouse square is an example of a “public forum”. Flagpoles and banners have to be established as a private message medium and promotion of the city of Franklin and not a “public forum”. The Board of Works already approved a policy that codifies what the Supreme Court ruled needs to be done for self-protection. The PAAC guidelines need to be submitted back to the Board of Works. Artists and organizational sponsors can still be solicited as long as PAAC makes the decisions. Holly Johnston made a motion to approve the resolution and application. Ms. Giles seconded. Passed unanimously, 10-0. It will go before Board of Works Monday.



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Application for Banners to recognize the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Artcraft Theater in Franklin – Dave Windisch submitted an application for PACC to produce seven Artcraft 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary banners to hang along Main Street between Jefferson and King from September 5 to November 7. The theater anniversary event is November 1. There are activities at the theater that week. City holiday lights go up sometime in November. He also presented a design suggestion. The Artcraft has funding for the project and is willing to sponsor them. LuAnn Lietz made a motion to approve the banners. Chrissy Robertson seconded. Passed unanimously, 10-0.

Bicentennial Banner RFP – Dana Monson – Ms. Monson prepared a draft of the RFP and sent out to the commission prior to the meeting. Names of desired graphics designers need to be submitted to her. She also requested feedback from the commission on the RFP. They will be 30x60 double-sided banners, one per light pole, along Jefferson Street from Walnut Street to one block past the railroad tracks directly in front of Salvage Sisters. It is for 33 banners, and they will be up for the whole year starting in early spring. The commission is paying for the artist and banners. The artist fee is \$1,000 and the per banner price is approximately \$89. The one-time expense of the hardware will be requested from the Board of Works. Ms. Giles made a motion to approve the RFP and application. Mr. Windisch seconded. Passed unanimously, 10-0.

Strategic Plan – Krista Linke – Outside of formatting and the addition of photos and the district map, Krista Linke highlighted the changes in the strategic plan document. There will be another draft before it goes to City Council for approval. Any feedback should be sent to Ms. Linke. The next draft will be sent out prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Windisch asked for an update on the alley star project. Ms. Giles reported that an updated alley rendering has been provided based on utility maps provided by City Engineer Mark Richards. They were approved at Board of Works last Monday. The project is fully funded. A private utility locater bloodhound has been scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> for absolute verification that the footers will not interfere with anything. Upon completion project installation can begin to be finished by September 10<sup>th</sup>'s Artcraft celebration.

### **New Business:**

Community Participation in Art within the Arts District – Josh Hendrickson gave a presentation of goals to accomplish this. He also presented things already happening within this arena. Mr. Hendrickson desired for this to highlight participatory events for the community and not limited to spectator events. He concluded with a list of suggested new possible events for community involvement.

Mr. Kosky suggested the Facebook page should be co-hosted so all organizations can add their events for community involvement.

Mayor Steve Barnett announced a local band concert on September 15 at the amphitheater. He followed up with the suggestion of a once-a-month Thursday night local musician series.



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Bobbie Whittimore suggested family art activities prior to any events. She also highlighted the library's year-round activities.

Mr. Hendrickson would like to see PAAC not only promote such activities of non-profit organizations but also help sponsor and fund some of them. Ms. Robertson added her support for that. She has met with the Columbus arts council and they receive \$60,000 from the city. They have a building and host workshops. The non-profits are limited in what they can do without funding assistance. Parks and Recreation is working on bringing art classes back. Any teacher name suggestions should be submitted to Ms. Johnston. Mr. Hendrickson concurred that both teachers and students have been hard to secure.

Greg Potter has enough material for a 25-person painting class and he would be willing to host it for free for an organization at their location. A per person charge could be \$35, \$10 of which would cover the individual 's materials.

Ms. Linke suggested the establishment of sub-committees such as programming and promotion to work outside of regular board meetings to keep things moving forward and report back to the commission as a whole. Mr. Kosky suggested Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Potter and Ms. Robertson with others to work together on active art, himself and Ms. Giles together with others for actual art and marketing and social media could be spearhead by Mr. Windisch.

Ms. Monson reminded of the annual update to City Council and Board of Works to be done the first of 2023. Mayor Barnett added that the update would help secure future funding. He also added Columbus's ability to get more funding as a second-class city while Franklin is a third-class city. Columbus has 60,000 people to Franklin's 27,000. He spoke specifically of Board of Works' potential funding of a website.

Mr. Kosky asked Senior Planner Alex Getchell if he had an update on viable intersections for street art. He said he continues to work on that challenging endeavor especially with the focus on downtown and the safety efforts that have already been studied and conducted in the downtown area.

Lourdes Hurtado from Franklin College suggested grant applications as a source of funding. Ms. Monson affirmed that she and Ms. Linke do extensive grant writing and will continue to do so on behalf of PAAC.

### **Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022,

  
Ken Kosky, President

  
Holly Johnston, Secretary