



CITY OF FRANKLIN

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

February 9, 2023

Members Present:

Ken Kosky, President
Joshua Hendrickson, Vice President
Holly Johnston, Secretary
Nick Crisafulli
Jessica Giles
LuAnn Lietz
Gail Richards
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 December 8, 2022 minutes. Holly Johnston seconded.
Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Old Business:

New Business

Election of Officers

President – Ms. Johnston nominated Mr. Kosky. LuAnn Lietz seconded. Nominations were closed. Ms. Giles made a motion for approval. Ms. Johnston seconded. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Vice President – Ms. Johnston nominated Joshua Hendrickson. Ms. Lietz seconded.

Nominations were closed. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Secretary – Nick Crisafulli nominated Ms. Johnston. Mr. Hendrickson seconded. Nominations were closed. Passed unanimously, 9-0.

Potential Grant Opportunities – Dana Monson gave a PowerPoint presentation of potential grant opportunities.



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Indiana Arts Commission \$5,000 – This grant can be used for operating or a project. The suggestion was to use this grant for the pedestrian crosswalk art design at Monroe and Jackson. The grant is competitive, but there is no match.

Indiana Destination Development Corporation \$10,000 – Franklin received a grant last year from this entity for the electrical boxes. This is the first of two different types of grants they have this year. There is no match for this grant. It is a requirement to have the In Indiana logo somewhere in the art. One suggestion has been to assist the Mayor's Youth Council for the art statue at the roundabout on Commerce Drive. Mr. Kosky spoke of the Daily Journal article featuring a rendering of the statue featuring cutouts. He thought maybe the logo could be one of the cutouts. Ms. Lietz concurred. Dave Windisch advised that the logo does not have to be large. He also agreed with the cutout concept.

Indiana Destination Development Corporation \$25,000 – This grant is a one-to-one match. It could be used for further alley activations. Specifically, the Kuji alley has been looked in to, patterning it after the bicentennial alley. Plans include installing an infrastructure with Japanese lights hanging from it. Tables and benches could be replaced with new tables and chairs. Applying to Festival Country for the match could award a total of \$50,000.

Ms. Giles asked if there was a possibility that the independent steel structures would not have to be used. She thought this could help in the pricing. Mr. Kosky advised conversations with the building owners. Ms. Giles also suggested having conversations with Franklin's Kuji partners so it would be the alley would be culturally accurate. The cost with independent steel structures and Japanese lanterns was approximated at \$27,000. The Commission was unanimously in support of these grant efforts.

Mr. Kosky reported that Kim Kasting brought to his attention a donor with \$5,000 wanting to support a Franklin art project. Gail Richards will double check this and get back to the Commission. She also announced the community foundation's grant cycle starting in April.

Community Art Sub-Committee – Ken Kosky – The decision was made to not have a specific bicentennial art piece. A piece may be developed to commemorate the eclipse. The skate park surface dimensions are being measured by Rocky of Parks and Recreation. For the crosswalks, Alex Getchell, Ms. Monson and Krista Linke will meet soon with Mark Richards. The committee will meet immediately following the commission meeting and will be discussing alternatives to the water tower project if the \$500,000 is not doable.

Marketing Sub-Committee – Dave Windisch – They are working on an art district tri-fold, six-panel brochure for approximately \$1,200. Mr. Kosky offered that they just did a similar piece that cost \$1,664. Marketing is also working on an annual report listing the year's top three successes for distribution to Board of Works, City Council and other city boards. And thirdly creating a list of local artists, housed on the website and starting with PAAC members and then opening to the public. Ms. Monson can create a draft. Their next sub-committee meeting is next week.



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Programming Sub-Committee – Joshua Hendrickson – The first planned program is a kids' class in the basement of Generations Art and Frame. Working together with The Local Grind, it would be a Cocoa and Canvas event hopefully yet in February. The public arts survey was sent out and approximately 10 responses were received back in December. Discover Downtown Franklin is working with Franklin College for a statistical consulting project on a more general survey that could include some art questions. Discussion was also held about getting things started earlier on the Ethos Festival. Changes to the artist application process are being worked on. Promotion is scheduled to begin within the next month. Ethos is the same day as the Fall Vintage Fest, so it will not be at the amphitheater. Adding art elements to the Farmers' Market is being considered. Chrissy Robertson had suggested use of a shipping container with a door on one end featuring a different artist and their work once a month.

Ms. Monson announced that the Board of Works approved the purchase of banner brackets to hang the remaining banners. If all stays on timeline, they would be up by the end of April. The price remained the same as last year's purchase price. Mr. Hendrickson asked if consideration should be given to purchasing brackets in advance so supply chain issues would not delay projects going forward.

Ms. Giles reported on the reinstallation of the bicentennial alley along with black light scheduled to be complete by the county bicentennial kick-off event March 8.

Mayor Steve Barnett identified that the Board of Works can cover the cost of some alley structures. He also has a goal to have the Mayor's Youth Council present their plan for the roundabout statue to the commission. An art account can also be set up with the city for people to be able to donate strictly for art projects in the city.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of March, 2023.



Ken Kosky, President

Holly Johnston, Secretary