



CITY OF FRANKLIN

MINUTES

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMISSION

February 13, 2025

Members Present:

Ken Kosky, President
Josh Hendrickson, Vice President
Victoria Ratliff, Secretary
Nick Crisafulli
Christy Locke
Vicki Noblitt
Chrissy Robertson
Dave Windisch

Others Present:

Dana Monson	Community Development Specialist
Alex Getchell	Senior Planner I

Call to Order

Ken Kosky called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

New Business

Election of Officers

President – Chrissy Robertson nominated Ken Kosky. Vicki Noblitt seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Vice-President – Mr. Kosky nominated Josh Hendrickson. Ms. Noblitt seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Secretary – Mr. Kosky nominated Victoria Ratliff. Nick Crisafulli seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Approval of Minutes

December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Dave Windisch moved to approve. Mr. Hendrickson seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Committee Reports

Community Art Committee: Ken Kosky – The main project being worked on is changing out the Artcraft alley stars to kites. Mr. Kosky presented samples and the installation details. The concept is for a more subdued color scheme, along with the addition of planters. Ms. Robertson asked if there was consideration given to a more random placement of the kites rather than all in a row in the same direction. Mr. Windisch spoke in support of that and also suggested the color scheme to be rather sedate, towards boring and common colors all over town. He preferred the bright colors or at least the movement of random placement rather than all in line. Mr. Hendrickson also added that a random



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placement of kites would make walking through the alley from any direction more visually enhanced, rather than a limited point of entry perspective, such as Main Street. Victoria Ratliff added that random placement might make some kites only show white instead of the colors. She suggested perhaps they could face the same direction, but still angled off from each other. Ms. Robertson added, so it's not such a military lineup. Flying kites are visualized as having more moving and varied directions in flight. Consensus on colors suggested keeping the navy and yellow and adding the teal and red from the Arts District logo. Further discussion suggested putting the logo on some kites in addition to Franklin. Ms. Ratliff asked if the wording could be read from the street. It was difficult upon demonstration in the meeting. Christy Locke hoped the Franklin label would not detract from a senior picture taking spot for those in the county outside Franklin. The proposed material is longer-lasting and less expensive than the stars. They will also be able to stay up year-round. Ms. Robertson asked about using a banner material so they weren't so rigid. She also agreed with the concern about all the white faces. Ms. Monson offered for the company to redo the concept, incorporating the suggestions from today's meeting, which she could then send out to the commission members. Mr. Crisafulli asked if the starting color could be other than white. Ms. Noblitt asked if there were additional planner colors as well. Mr. Kosky confirmed. The commission was in support of the glitter addition to the kites as well.

Mr. Crisafulli moved to approve \$1,500 for the project pending approval of the redesign submittal. Ms. Noblitt seconded. Passed unanimously, 8-0.

Programming Committee: Josh Hendrickson— Ethos was scheduled to be on June 21. It has been discovered that it is the same date as the Talbott Street Art Festival. Other options are the remaining dates in June and one July date, although there was no support for the July date. The next weekend in June conflicts with FHI's Secret Garden Walk. The first two June weekends are options. Mr. Windisch supported doing Ethos the same weekend as the Secret Garden Walk, as, from a marketing standpoint, they would complement each other and not conflict. Mr. Kosky agreed. The walk is also two days. Mr. Hendrickson expressed concern about the pull of artists from one event to another. Brainstorming continued for all the ways they could coordinate and dovetail, and the pros and cons of different dates. Canvas Clash is also on Friday night, which requires a different location as there is a wedding at the Elks. Ms. Monson quoted that Danny Causey thought it could be a good partner event between Ethos and the Secret Garden Walk. June 14 has an art fair in South Bend.

Old Business

New Business

Artwalk for First Fridays, April 4 – Danny Causey – DDF has started a different theme for each First Friday. Interested artists are currently being sought, potentially both for display and live practice.

Ms. Monson offered an update on the city hall generator project by the Mayor's Youth Council. They asked if PAAC could help secure an artist to work with the council on finalizing their concept and providing artistic guidance.



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Mr. Hendrickson announced their artist show on Feb. 22 at Generation Art and Frame. Any information about upcoming artist opportunities would be appreciated by Mr. Hendrickson to give to them.

Bobbie Whittemore announced that Barry Barnes is the next artist at JCPL.

Date of Next Meeting

April 10, with March 13 only if needed

Community Art – Immediately after this meeting, and March 13 at 8:30 am

Programming Committee – February 20 at 8:00 am at CoffeeHouse Five, March 20 at 8:00 am

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Kosky adjourned the meeting at 8: am.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of May 2025.

Ken Kosky, President

Victoria Ratliff, Secretary