



UrbanArt Commission
Public Art Oversight Committee
1:00 PM Wednesday, February 14, 2018

ATTENDEES:

PAOC:

Ellen Daugherty
Coriana Close
Anthony Lee
Mary Haizlip
Lisa Law
Beverly Perkins
Adrienne Pakis-Gillon

UrbanArt:

Lauren Kennedy
Emily Rooker
Kerri Malone

MINUTES:

- I. Welcome
 - a. Meeting is called to order
- II. Plough Blvd contract cancellation and next steps
 - a. Kennedy speaks about planned Town Hall in Whitehaven with Councilwoman Patrice Robinson to redistribute funds from the cancelled Plough Blvd contract
 - b. Perkins notes that District 3 encompasses more than Whitehaven. Kennedy mentions that the original project was a shared gateway between Whitehaven and the airport, which is the rationale behind Whitehaven being the neighborhood of focus for the funds.
 - c. Kennedy explains the format of the Town Hall - presenting the concept of gateways, level setting for what is possible with the allocated budget, and receiving resident feedback from small group conversations
 - d. Kennedy remarks that in recent meeting with City of Memphis Engineering that UAC should be able to write a \$10,000 check to A2H for previously unpaid work completed for Electroland. While it is not ideal for UAC to pay contractors directly, A2H has spent nearly \$50,000 and is an important contractor with which to maintain a positive relationship. Money will be paid from the project budget and not UAC contingency.
- III. Gateways, District 3 - Updated installation schedule
 - a. Malone mentions Flying Carpet are about 50% fabricated now. Installation schedule has changed from April 2018 to May 2018. Once dates are confirmed, engagement or artist conversation opportunities will be recommended and scheduled alongside UAC staff.
- IV. Dunbar Elementary & Cossitt Library updates
 - a. Malone mentions difficulties in getting candidates to apply for these project opportunities. After extending the submission deadline by one month, we increased from 1 applicant per project to 3 applicants for Dunbar and 7 for Cossitt.

- b. Malone says selection process is underway for both projects, and artists are slated to be chosen by the end of March.
- c. Malone announces that Andria Lyle is rolling off the Cossitt Library selection committee and that we are hoping to have a replacement committee member in the next couple of months.
- d. Lee asks how selection committee members are determined. Malone speaks to UAC's process which involves outreach to partners in the neighborhoods where projects are sited and reaching out to members of PAOC for recommendations. Rooker mentions that for site-specific projects, UAC ideally searches for individuals who live/work near project sites. For citywide programs like District Mural Program, neighborhood representatives are more broad-based or City-based.
- e. Perkins recommends reaching out to librarian at Dunbar Elementary to find the name of the artist who created several works inside the school.
- f. Kennedy notes that Andria Lyle was filling a role on the Cossitt Committee on behalf of the Civic Commons, so we may need to get another representative from the Civic Commons to fill her role.

V. District Mural Program - general updates

- a. Rooker gives update about District Mural Program - UAC received 39 applicants to the program and committee meeting to determine finalists will take place February 15. UAC will notify finalists for interview in the third week of February.
- b. Lee asks how many finalists will be interviewed, Rooker says at least 14 and up to 21. The selected 7 artists will need to be approved by PAOC. Rooker mentions that one of the neighborhood representatives for District Mural selection committee has retired without leaving follow-up contact information, so we may need to fill another selection committee seat after the selection process has concluded.
- c. Perkins asks if UAC has finalized sites for District Mural Program. Rooker speaks about doing site visits and how certain sites were recommended by the City Councilperson for that district.
- d. Kennedy mentions we are having difficulty finding a site for District Five. Davis Community Center was mentioned, but the only potential wall is facing a residential street and wouldn't be viewable from anywhere else.

VI. Ordinance changes and new PAOC members

- a. Rooker mentions that ordinance changes have been passed, and that Coriana Close, Mary Haizlip and Lisa Law will be fully accepted as PAOC meetings at the coming City Council meeting.
- b. Kennedy thanks Coriana, Lisa and Mary for attending monthly PAOC meetings before being fully ordained and without voting power so they could learn about the process. Kennedy mentions one of the biggest changes to ordinances being that all PAOC and selection committee meetings will be public. Records and official minutes will be sent over to the City of Memphis to be included as part of a public record. Technically, residents will be able to sit in on committee meetings but will not have an opportunity to speak on issues during the meetings, similar to City Council executive sessions.
- c. Kennedy also mentions UAC's new website will have project updates with photos and upcoming selection committee meetings.

VII. Adjourn