

**Clark County Public Art Committee Meeting
October 27, 2015 at 3:30 pm
Winchester Cultural Center**

I. MEETING OPENING: Eric Strain opened the meeting. In attendance: committee members – Patty Dominguez, Keith Conley, Vicki Richardson, Louisa McDonald and Jenny Strayer. Excused: Robert Fielden. Staff: Patrick Gaffey, Michael Ogilvie and Julie Navis.

II. MINUTES - **Keith moved to approve September 22, 2015 minutes, Patty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Keith moved to approve agenda, Patty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. RATPACK Crossroads - *For Possible Action*

- a. (Project was approved at 9/22/2015 meeting) Discussion and possible action to approve a budget for this project.

Michael reiterated that the project was approved at the last meeting on September 22, 2015 and the committee decided to hold off on approving a budget until the committee could go look at the location. Michael showed images of the locations for the project to the committee. He mentioned the bridge is an NDOT bridge, so Eric asked if they know if we are considering using it. Michael said not yet because he wanted the committee to make a decision on where they would like to go with this project. He mentioned in the last meeting it was brought up to do this in two phases for the locations; one for the sidewalk and the mural for the bridge, but it is still up for discussion. Eric asked how far project Neon comes down. Michael said this is a long way from project neon. Eric said before we do anything with the bridge, we need to talk to NDOT to see if the bridge will be there because of upcoming construction. Eric asked if we want to wait until we talk with NDOT or do we want to set a budget for this. Patty said she thinks it would be important to find out from NDOT where they're at and how much they're going to cover because we can't really set a budget until we know. Patrick said we should find out whether NDOT is inclined to let us do something on their bridge. The committee decided to table deciding on a budget until next meeting and wait to make a decision until they talk to NDOT.

V. UMC Public Art Projects – *For Possible Action*

- a. Discussion and possible action to approve project and discuss a budget.

Michael stated that at the last meeting the committee decided on two locations that were possible sites for the project and disregarded the third site. He said the project and the budget were not approved at the last meeting. Michael showed images of the sites to the committee and mentioned how the wall is not visible from the street. The median in front of the hospital is visible from the street. Eric asked if anyone looked at it and Louisa said she's been there, but she hasn't looked at it for the purpose of art. Louisa said it may have some public impact and Patrick said it is meaningful, but we can't see the wall from the street. Eric asked if the committee thinks there will be some impact. Michael responded with saying he thinks whether it can be seen from the street or not, it may have some impact with the people who can see it, especially with how many people enter and exit the facility. Patrick asked if the parking lot is just for the hospital or is it for other stores as well. Michael responded with he believes it is used for other office buildings as well. Eric asked if there's some place we can do a healing garden or something that can really have some impact.

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Louisa asked about something inside and Eric agreed or maybe rip out the entire court yard/outdoor cafeteria and start over. This brought up the topic of a healing garden. Eric asked if there is any place near the children's wing that we can put a healing garden. Michael said there is one place, but it's just a hallway. Jenny said it's not visible from the street, but asked if it is visible from inside the hospital. Michael said it is visible from inside and can be seen through the windows. Eric said he's more interested in the space than the wall, but if we can take over the space and make a space that was comfortable to go out into, it could be something really great. Patrick said the other space, the circle in the front, doesn't do much for him and Eric agreed. Patty likes Eric's idea of talking to the medical center and working with us to see if we can do the whole courtyard. Michael said just for the record the medical center has no money for this project. Patty said the medical center may have a problem with shutting down the courtyard temporarily. Eric asked how big the courtyard is. Michael said the wall is about 50 feet long, so Eric estimated the space to be 50x50. Patrick asked about tabling this project. Eric said the committee would have to put in \$400,000 to make it a healing garden. Vicki asked if they gave us just these two places. Michael said there was one more which the committee was not interested in at the last meeting and that was hallway in the children's ward. Keith said it can be done in phases as well, so it's not \$400,000 right now. Eric asked if we should table it, move forward, or say no. Louisa asked if the hospital would be open to suggestions from a group of people to do something somewhere else other than these three areas. Michael said he can check. Eric asked if they approached Michael and Michael said they contacted him. Vicki said maybe if we approach them with the idea of a healing garden, it may not be a bad idea, especially if there's another area that's more centralized or more open. The committee didn't seem too excited about the spaces. Vicki said she thinks it would be good to do something here that's different than what we did at Child Haven. Eric asked if we want to pursue this. Patty said I think we should investigate further and see what we can do. Eric said they can go walk the hospital and check out some spots, and then go to the hospital to see if they can consider them. Michael said we can do that. This project was discussed extensively and decided to be tabled for next meeting to further investigate. No motion was taken on this item.

VI. Welcome to Las Vegas Parking Lot Expansion Design Competition – *For Discussion or Possible action*

a. List of potential artists has been developed. Discussion on how to proceed with presentations/workshops.

Michael gave the committee members a list of artists for this project. Patrick suggested Buster Simpson. Michael said the only one eliminated from the list is Michael Heizer. Eric asked if each committee member could pick a top five within a week and give to Michael to narrow down the list. Louisa asked when it is and Michael said there's no date, it's just when the committee picks an artist and he will contact them. Eric suggested workshops during the day and a lecture at night. Eric asked if the competition was just for local artists or if we're making it national. Patrick said we agreed to wait three years to make it national and we're not there yet. He said people liked that we kept it to artists just in Clark County. Patty agreed with Patrick. Vicki asked why not to Nevada artists. Patrick said he told the County commission three years. Eric asks what stops us from doing an international competition for just ideas and do two competitions, one for ideas and the other to build. Jenny said possibly a hybrid project. Patty likes the idea of having an inside/outside

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competition. Vicki thinks pairing two different artists together is a great idea. The committee decided to put this on the agenda for next meeting and Michael will send the artist list back out. No motion was taken on this item.

VII. Maintenance – Discussion of maintenance on projects

Michael reported the public art in the county has averaged of 21 tags a month for the last five months. The average time for cleaning off a tag, and re-applying the anti-graffiti coat is two hours, which is 42 hours a month. He said we're understaffed for maintenance and stated a full-time conservator will need to be hired eventually. Louisa asked if he noticed any patterns. Michael said it happens more to the ones with the less pleasing art and have a lot of open negative space on them. There are 291 public art pieces the county maintains and we'll be adding 68 within the next year.

VIII. COMMENTS BY GENERAL PUBLIC: *None.*

IX. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at the Winchester Cultural Center.

X. Adjournment - *For Possible Action*

Patty motioned for adjournment, Vicki seconded. The motion passed unanimously.