

**Clark County Public Art Committee Meeting
January 24, 2017 at 3:30 pm
Winchester Cultural Center**

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

II. MINUTES - **Robert moved to approve October 24, 2016 minutes, Louisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

IV. Approval of Art Committee Rules and Procedures – *For Discussion and possible action*

Patrick said administration just needs to have Eric sign the Rules and Procedures. Patrick handed out copies to the committee and Eric signed them.

V. Request from Commissioner Brown's staff to reconsider placing art at Lone Mountain – *For Discussion and possible action*

Sue Baker, Commissioner Brown's staff, is interested in having art at the Equestrian Park at Lone Mountain. Robert asked if we had taken a look at this before. Patrick said the committee has taken it up twice and has declined both times. Sue Baker stated they never heard any feedback as to why it was denied. Patrick apologized for not letting her know what was going on. Patrick also stated the committee did take a trip out there to see the park at the time and decided it was not a public enough space and denied it. Patty asked if Sue and the group advocating for this art would be willing to do a matching grant to get the sculpture they want and create a partnership. Robert thinks it would be helpful to get some counts for the park for the committee to make a decision. Robert said he thinks if there is enough interest from the residents in the area and the patrons of the park perhaps we can find a way to get art there. **The issue was tabled, pending hiring of a new Public Art Specialist.**

VI. West Flamingo Senior Center – presentation from Diane Bush – *For Discussion and possible action*

Diane Bush is the supervisor at the West Flamingo Senior Center. The center has the only yarn bombing group in the county. Photos of the space, building, and passed projects were shown to the committee. She wants to cover the outside of the building in ceramic mosaic pieces. She gave some suggestions for themes like transitions and adaptations. She also stated something nice and colorful that the seniors would like. Robert asked if it would be the whole building. Diane said just parts of each side of the wall. Robert thinks it's a great idea. Eric said he agrees with Patrick and thinks they need to look and see where we're at with current projects and staff before making a decision. Patty asked Diane for images of the building from other angles. **The issue was tabled, pending hiring of a new Public Art Specialist.**

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VII. Robin Stark and Eric Pawloski Centered artwork move to Walnut Community Center -
For Discussion and possible action

Patrick said this project was involved in a hit and run by a car. Walnut Community Center had asked for public art before, so Patrick said him and Michael asked if they would want this piece installed near their building. Patrick said they would really want it in front of their center. Eric clarified that instead of reinstalling it in the current location, it would be reinstalled at Walnut. The committee decided to reinstall it in front of Walnut Community Center.

Robert moved to have it reinstalled in front of Walnut Community Center, Keith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Centered projects status report

Patrick reported K.D. Matheson's piece was hit by a car and destroyed. Patrick said if we do another Centered project we really have look hard from what learned from the bad locations that we chose this time and carefully pick more sheltered locations next time. Eric clarified if Centered 2 was for 2017 or 2018. Patrick said 2018 and he thinks with Michael being gone, we will have to table it. Patrick reported Chris Bauder's piece has been reinstalled and is back in its space. He also stated that Luis Varela-Rico's piece has been done for months, but we're waiting for construction to be finished on the medians. Eric asked if there's another center we could place it at since we've been having issues with other pieces. Patrick said he hadn't thought of that, but it is a good question. Eric asked if K.D. Matheson could fix his piece. Patrick said no because it's completely destroyed. Patrick suggested paying him to do it from scratch and put it in a totally different new spot. Patrick said the other piece that isn't fully installed is Jesse Smigel's piece and Ed Fuentes has been in contact with him. Ed said it's just getting him to finish the piece. Patrick said he has a lot of other work. Eric asked if we paid him for all of it. Patrick said half of it and he won't get the final payment until it's finished. Eric said he thinks the committee should put their foot down and tell him you have "x" amount of days to get it done or we'll take the \$7500 and have someone else finish it. Ed thinks maybe have something with the whole board saying it. Eric said let's do a letter with the whole committee signing it to let him know. The committee agreed.

Louisa asked if we had community engagement before installing the Centered pieces. Patrick said community representatives were on the juries, but agrees we should inform the community more about the pieces. Robert doesn't want to give up on the medians and wants to try and think of ways to make them more visible and structure something for the safety of the pieces. Ed suggested getting accident reports for potential areas for upcoming projects as well.

IX. Centered 2 project – *For Discussion and possible action*

Centered 2 was discussed in the Centered projects status report. See VIII for details regarding Centered 2.

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X. Status report: Public Art staff

Patrick informed the committee that we now have two part-timers helping with the public art while looking for a replacement for the public art director. The two part-timers are Ed Fuentes and Patty Dominguez. Eric asked where were at with full-timers. Patrick said he went to Jane Pike when he found out about Michael and she saw how important it is to get someone as soon as possible, so she put it on the fast track. Patrick also asked to get that position higher pay. Jane is trying to make it a supervisor position. This could also slow down the hiring process, but he thinks we'll have a replacement within three to four months of Michael's leaving. With Patty now as public art staff, she submitted her resignation from the committee.

XI. Status Report: Mountain's Edge Park, Overton Community Center mural, Ratpack Crossroads, Dream Machine, Sunset Park art and Litter Awareness, UMC Public Art project, Welcome to Las Vegas sign experience, Zap 9

Mountain's Edge Park- Patrick said the jury was chosen. The jury includes: Wyndam Kimsey, Michael Shannon, Chris Allen, Scott Dominey, K.D. Matheson, and Alisha Kerlin. Eric asked if we should have someone on the jury. Patrick said he would have to check if it's too late to add someone. If it's not too late, Louisa will serve on the jury.

Overton Community Center mural- Ed said three finalists were chosen. The mural will be indoors in the community center. Heidi Leavitt, Gig Dipio and Joan Rainey Day are the three finalist artists. This is the first of two projects in Overton. Eric asked where we were with the second one. Patrick said we're not anywhere with it.

Ratpack Crossroads- It was reported that three finalists were chosen, who are Miguel Rodriguez, Wayne Littlejohn, and Steve Liguori. Ed noticed a problem if the artist wants to do the likeness of Sinatra, Davis, and/or Martin, they will need the rights/permission to use it. Patrick asked the district attorney and they said they have to get permission to use the likeness. Eric asked when they have to have proposals back. Patrick said at the end of March.

Dream Machine- Patrick said Dream Machine is finished. Eric asked if we had any feedback. Patrick said he hasn't heard any negative feedback. The only thing is vandals smashed the three big lights around it and is now being fixed.

Sunset Park art and Litter Awareness- Patrick said we haven't gone very far on this project. Jane Pike said there are two women who care about Sunset Park and suggested to have them on the jury. Patrick said he intends to do that.

UMC Public Art- There has been even less progress with this project.

Welcome to Las Vegas sign experience- Patrick said everything has slowed down until we get a replacement for Michael.

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Zap 9- Patty said has reached out to the artists and has communicated with Sue Baker who is the contact for the Commissioner Brown. Ed has done a digital flyer that will be going out for marketing. Patty said this is the first Zap project in this district. Patrick said this is the second biggest Zap project with 15 artists and the most returning artists.

XII. SBI Program – *For Discussion and possible action*

Patrick said Michael suggested before he left, he wanted to discontinue SBI this year because he would be gone and the SBI Program has never given us what we want. Eric asked if we pay the SBI employees and Patrick said we pay for any materials and the artists who work with the teens. Patrick said Candy thinks it's really important to do an educational art program and he agrees. Patrick asked if we could do our own thing and then the question would be if we pay the teens. Robert asked if we have a budget for that. Patrick said we do have an educational budget.

Robert motioned for this project and the next two projects on the agenda to be tabled until the next meeting, Louisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Wigwam and Torrey Pines Park – *For Discussion and possible action*

This project was tabled until the next meeting. See XII for action.

XIV. Winchester Expansion Art – *For Discussion and possible action*

This project was tabled until the next meeting. See XII for action.

XV. COMMENTS BY GENERAL PUBLIC: None

XVI. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Winchester Cultural Center.

XVII. Adjournment - *For Possible Action*

Robert motioned for adjournment, Louisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.