

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

Minutes

On August 10, 2021, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 am in City Hall at 601 S. Buchanan Street, Room 306 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	TOTAL ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS
Eric Barry	Y	5	7
Jason Boyett	Y	35	36
Denise Chesnut	N	8	14
Rhonda Dittfurth	N	10	22
Beth Duke	Y	30	36
Stephanie Jung	Y	6	7
Sterling McKinney	Y	11	13
Eddy Sauer	Y	29	36
Andi Wardlaw	Y	32	36

Also in attendance were:

Sherman Bass	Amarillo Civic Center Complex General Manager
Courtney White	Assistant City Attorney
Melinda Landry	Amarillo Civic Center Complex Event Manager
Michael Kashuba	Director of Parks and Recreation

Item 1. **Call to Order and Announcements.** Chair Andi Wardlaw called the meeting to order at 11:33 am. Sherman Bass announced that the City will participate in National Clean-Up Day on September 18, 2021. He encouraged Board members to consider participating in clean-up efforts. Beth Duke added to the announcement that the Tri-State Fair Parade is scheduled the same morning. Additionally, Mr. Bass announced that per executive order, public meetings can no longer be held via Zoom starting in September.

Item 2. **Public Forum.** No members of the public made comment.

Item 3. **Discuss and Consider Minutes.** Chair Wardlaw asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the meeting on 6/8/21. Jason Boyett motioned to approve the minutes. Beth Duke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. **FY20 Beautification Project Update.** The Board discussed the need to find an avenue to move forward with the FY20 Beautification Project due to lack of applications on the project's second attempt. Mr. Bass clarified that the lack of working capital appeared to still be a barrier for local artists,

as well as the inability for different groups to easily come together for collaborative efforts. The Board discussed various options that could be researched in order to put together a working team themselves, such as creating a student project with local schools or colleges. Michael Kashuba stated that it might be possible for the City to create a pool of pre-qualified artists, a model used by the City of Addison for similar projects. Mr. Kashuba stated he would obtain the RFQ and related materials from the City of Addison for board review. After continued discussion, the Board determined that FY20's budget would be best spent in a way that would support local artists by allowing public art to be installed at no charge, and potentially providing a way for local artists to display sculptures for sale. Eddy Sauer motioned that funds be approved to cover the cost of installing six cement pads at \$1,000 each that will serve as platforms for the installation of public art, formatted similarly to Thompson Park Pool platforms. Mr. Boyett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Duke motioned that \$6,000 be donated to help The Historic 6th on Route 66 Association, San Jacinto Neighborhood Association, and Route 66 Association of Texas cover the cost of painting the Route 66 Emblem on the water tower in San Jacinto. Mr. Boyett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. **Thompson Park Pool Update.** Mr. Kashuba advised the Board that the pool is open but work still continues to bring the project to completion. Both cement pads have been fully built. The ETA on the sculptures provided by local artist Jacob Breeden is unknown. The Board discussed the potential of Parks placing Mr. Breeden's sculptures at a different location if completed during the pool's off-season, then moved back when the pool reopens next year.

Item 6. **Discuss and Consider FY20 and FY21 Mural Grant Project.** Mr. Bass stated that four of the FY20 murals have been reimbursed in full. One mural is in process, and three have not yet begun reimbursement requests but were reminded of deadlines. Mr. Bass asked for four volunteers to work with him on potential updates or changes to the project RFQ for FY21. Volunteers for this subcommittee are: Mr. Boyett, Chair Wardlaw, Stephanie Jung, and Eric Barry. Mr. Bass asked Ms. Duke to compile thoughts she had suggested at previous meetings and stated he would ensure Sterling McKinney's previous suggestions were brought to the table as well.

Item 7. **Consider Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date and Time.** Future agenda items to include:

- Beautification Project update
- Mural Project update

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 11:30 am, at City Hall Room 306.

Item 8. **Adjourn.** Chair Wardlaw adjourned the meeting at 12:39 pm.

ATTEST:



Sherman Bass, Secretary



Andi Wardlaw, Chair