

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

Minutes

On February 9, 2021, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 am by video conference via Zoom for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	TOTAL ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS
Eric Barry	Y	2	2
Jason Boyett	Y	31	31
Denise Chesnut	Y	5	9
Rhonda Dittfurth	N	10	17
Beth Duke	Y	26	31
Stephanie Jung	Y	1	2
Sterling McKinney	Y	7	8
Eddy Sauer	Y	25	31
Andi Wardlaw	Y	28	31

Also in attendance were:

Sherman Bass	Amarillo Civic Center Complex General Manager
Marcus Norris	Deputy 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 11:31 am. Chair Wardlaw thanked Jason Boyett for his leadership as outgoing Chair. Chair Wardlaw thanked the Advisory Board for the opportunity to lead. Sherman Bass introduced Deputy City Attorney Marcus Norris, and welcomed new members Stephanie Jung and Eric Barry. Brief introductions were given.

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 1/12/21. Mr. Boyett motioned to approve the minutes as provided. Councilmember Eddy Sauer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. **Discuss and Consider Mural Grant Applications.** Mr. Bass updated the Board on the status of the Mural Grant Applications, stating that the subcommittee met the previous week. Eleven applications were received, requesting a total of \$39,275 in grants. Mr. Bass presented the applications approved by the subcommittee, which include murals located at

Blue Sage Pottery, Snack Pak 4 Kids, Double U Marketing, Cash for Gold & Jewelry, Dependable Plumbing, Wesley Community Center, Panhandle Community Services, and Don Harrington Discovery Center. The Board discussed the need to revisit the mural qualifications in the future to make necessary clarifications or remove artistic barriers. Chair Wardlaw motioned to approve the selected applications. Beth Duke seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bass advised the Board that he will hand the approved applications to the City Manager's office for final approval, and will notify applicants of their status by week's end.

Item 5. **FY20 Beautification Project Updates.** Mr. Bass stated the Beautification Project continues to move in the right direction.

Item 6. **Thompson Park Pool Update.** Michael Kashuba advised the board that construction is ongoing at the Thompson Park Pool and detailed where they are at in the process. Mr. Kashuba stated that in the process of seeing the project come to life, they were able to identify key areas where public art can be placed on display, namely along the lazy river route, as an outside art display. If this display is successful, Parks might see opportunities to expand the art display to other Parks facilities, and art may be available for purchase. Mr. Kashuba expressed the desire to have the Board work hand-in-hand with the Park Board on this project. Ms. Duke applauded the concept and gave thanks for the idea being considered during construction instead of after the fact. Councilmember Sauer praised the Board for serving as a catalyst in the City, driving the need for a visual impact that supports public art. Chair Wardlaw thanked Mr. Kashuba for his update.

Item 7. **Review and Discuss City of Elgin Public Art Plan.** Ms. Duke stated that when people are talking about where a city is going, there must be a plan. Ms. Duke proposed that a subcommittee be formed to review the City of Elgin plan and find ways Elgin concepts could be used, then put it back together as a recommendation for the Board. The Board agreed to establish a subcommittee including Ms. Duke, Sterling McKinney, Stephanie Jung, and Chair Wardlaw. The date and time of the subcommittee meeting is to be determined.

Item 8. **Consider Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date and Time.** Future agenda items to include:

- Mural Grant project & Beautification project updates
- Review City of Elgin Master Plan

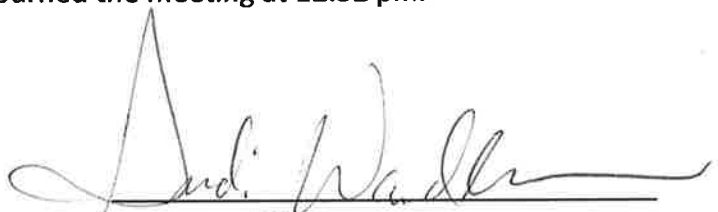
The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 11:30 am, by virtual meeting on Zoom.

Item 9. **Adjourn.** Chair Wardlaw adjourned the meeting at 12:32 pm.

ATTEST:



Sherman Bass, Secretary



Andi Wardlaw, Chair