

MINUTES

On April 11th, 2023, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 a.m. in the Parks and Recreation Board Room at 509 S. Johnson St. Street, for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Mr. Jason Boyett	YES	51	49
Ms. Andi Wardlaw	YES	51	43
Ms. Beth Duke	YES	51	40
Dr. Eddy Sauer	YES	51	40
Mr. Sterling McKinney	NO	28	20
Ms. Stephanie Jung	YES	22	19
Ms. Kashion Smith	YES	2	1
Ms. Lauren Hall	YES	12	9
Mr. Matt Morgan	YES	12	10

ATTENDEES:

CINDY PEREZ	BEAUTIFICATION AND PUBLIC ARTS COORDINATOR
MICHAEL KASHUBA	DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
COURTNEY WHITE	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
MEGAN SMITH	RECORDING SECRETARY

- ITEM 1

Call to Order and Announcements

Chairman, Mr. Jason Boyett, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board to order at 11:32 a.m.
- ITEM 2

Public Forum

No public comments made.
- ITEM 3

Discuss and Consider Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Eddy Sauer, said motion seconded by Ms. Andi Wardlaw, and an 8-0 vote carried to approve meeting minutes from February 14th, 2023, as written.
- ITEM 4

The Beautification and Public Arts Board will Discuss or Receive Reports on the Following Current Matters or Projects:

1.

Mural Grant Update: Ms. Perez states we have received written non-approval of the mural project location 2105 S. Taylor from Oliver Eakle Neighborhood Association. They stated they are a nonprofit organization and could not sign off or deny the apartment complex mural project but do like the design. All five applicants have been notified that they have been approved.

2.

Beautification Initiatives:

a.

Rose Garden at Memorial Park: Ms. Perez updates the board on a discussion with the Amarillo College Horticulture Stem Program to possibly assist in reviving the rose garden at memorial park. Ms. Perez also stated that the Amarillo College Horticulture Stem Program is already thinking about how to add it to the Horticulture Program in the Fall.

b.

Gazebo at Memorial Park: Mr. Kashuba also informs the board of another discussion with Outdoor Amarillo about plans and renovations for the Gazebo.

3.

Welding Art Projects – Ms. Perez mentions the art pads that have been installed in various parks in Amarillo and her concerns on determining the stipulations of the art that is required such as the specification, the weight, height, transportation, rotation etc. and asked the board if a Sub-Committee could be created to assist with said concerns and future project plans. Ms. Hall shares the idea she saw in Beaumont where they made 3-D cubes and had muralists come in and paint them. She suggested to have something created and possibly have it at the “HooDoo Mural Festival” where the sculptures may be painted and later moved to the art pads in the parks and be rotated every year. Mr. Kashuba mentions a “Call for Art” may be an option for getting some local welders and/or schools involved in the

making of the sculptures. Mr. Boyett suggested creating the Sub-Committee for the art pad projects. Ms. Hall and Ms. Kashion volunteered to join the Sub-Committee. Ms. Duke suggested inviting a local welder and gave a couple of suggestions on who could be invited onto the Committee.

4. Earth Day Clean-up Projects – Ms. Perez informs the board a group from Amazon has coordinated with her to come in on April 18th and 20th to do a clean-up at Medi Park and the City of Amarillo is also hosting a clean-up on Earth Day at Thompson Park. There is a sign-up on the Parks and Recreation website for anyone like would like to volunteer. Valero also has a group going out on Earth Day to clean-up McDonald Lake and “Get Fit” also coordinated an Earth Day pick-up at “9th Street Trails” and some of the Medical Park as well. Ms. Perez made bags to give back to the volunteers that also included stickers for people to put on their dumpsters that have the solid waste phone number. People can contact to have large items picked up and she hopes this will help get the knowledge out about this service and cut down the waste in the alleys throughout the city.

ITEM 5 Present, Discuss, and Consider Beautification and Public Art Recommendations to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This item is for the board to discuss and consider beautification and art recommendation on the TXDOT Ports to Plains Corridor.

Ms. Perez presented a Power Point Presentation to the Board with the recommendations the MPO Sub-Committee would like to present to the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The recommendations include minimal maintenance landscaping that is natural to our environment, beauty to overpasses and interchanges, and structures pleasing to the eye while enticing our visitors to stop in Amarillo. A motion was made by Mr. Jason Boyett, said motion seconded by Dr. Eddy Sauer, and an 8-0 vote carried to approve said recommendations and present them to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

ITEM 6 Discuss Items for Future Agendas

ITEM 7 Adjournment

Mr. Jason Boyett called to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Megan Smith, Recording Secretary


Mr. Jason Boyett, Chairman