



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Art Advisory Board

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Tuesday, February 8, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Nicastro called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Vice Chair Nicastro, Board Member Shelton, Board Member Parkinson, Chair Kelly and Board Member Gozion

**Absent** 3 - Board Member Loos, Board Member Schorzmman and Board Member Roberts

### Also Present

Marketing and Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel, and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [22-2096](#) Approval of Minutes for the December 14, 2021 Art Advisory Board Meeting and January 11, 2022 Advisory Board No Quorum Meeting.

*A motion was made by Board Member Gozion, seconded by Vice Chair Shelton, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

### 6. New Business

- A. [22-2011](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Election of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Nicastro introduced the item.

*A motion was made by Vice Chair Shelton, seconded by Board Member Parkinson, to appoint Tony Kelly as the Chair of the Art Advisory Board for the 2022 year and Jamie Nicastro as Vice Chair for the 2022 year. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

- B. [22-2108](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2022 Meeting Dates and Times.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding optional schedule dates for the Art Advisory Board.

***A motion was made by Board Member Shelton, seconded by Vice Chair Nicastro, to approve the proposed Art Advisory Board 2022 Schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

- C. [22-2199](#) Discussion and Possible Action to Display the Roseate Spoonbill Sculpture on the second floor of City Hall.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided an overview of approvals from the Assistant Public Works Director Chuck Speake and the City Hall second floor being the location for the Roseate Spoonbill sculpture.

***A motion was made by Board Member Shelton, seconded by Board Member Parkinson, that the Art Advisory Board recommends to the City Commission to place the Roseate Spoonbill sculpture on the second floor of City Hall in the arched out area. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

Ms. Ansel stated she will draft a memo to the City Manager with the Board's proposal including an agenda date, and an update being sent to the Board when available.

- D. [22-2232](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Art Board's Annual Report to the Commission.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel reviewed options of presenting the annual report to the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding preferences to present the report in person, the length of time it takes for a project to move from concept to fruition, seeking Commission specific direction first, involving the Commission sooner, next procedural steps to place the report on a Commission agenda, and restructuring the Board to be more streamlined.

Ms. Ansel read the annual report's draft of past and future events, accomplishments and goals into the record.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing efficiency for the City-wide public art implementation, restarting the gopher tortoise project, and holding the Arts in the Hall show outdoors in the Fall.

***A motion was made by Vice Chair Nicastro, seconded by Vice Chair Shelton, to approve the Art Board's Annual Report to Commission. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 7. Unfinished Business

- A. [22-2109](#) Discussion and Possible Action for the Replacement Sculpture at the Corner of Price Boulevard and Sumter Boulevard.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel noted direction from the Commission to the City Manager and City Attorney to review the legalities of removing and replacing artwork at this location, tasking the Art Board to review materials focusing on low maintenance art at the same location, and orienting the artwork providing maximum visibility.

Discussion ensued pertaining to finding a stable location for the fish sculpture, Sarasota Magazine article cited regarding their process of commissioning a piece of art, and broadening the call to artists.

***There was a consensus to wait for results from the City Attorney concerning the location of the current proposal before moving forward, and to direct Ms. Ansel to research options for a Board joint meeting with the Commission to discuss a public art process.***

- B. [22-2076](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Presentation of Options for a Skate Park Mural by Board Member Kelly and Board Member Parkinson.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Board Member Parkinson provided a report suggesting a basic theme for the skate park, skate park graffiti festivals and competitions in other cities, pieces of examples by graffiti artists, and simplifying the call to artists with an urban art theme on vertical surfaces.

***A motion was made by Board Member Shelton, seconded by Vice Chair Nicastro, to request Commission's permission to hear a presentation by Board Member Samantha Parkinson regarding urban art at the Skate Park before the Board proceeds with a Call to Artists. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## 8. Updates

- A. [22-2077](#) Update on the proposed mural for the first floor of City Hall.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided a report including sending the memo to Commission, the agenda item being tentatively scheduled for March 8, 2022, Chair Kelly being the presenter, and the Commission agenda being emailed to Board Members as soon as possible.

- B. [22-2075](#) Staff's Research Regarding the Painting the Water Treatment Plant.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel presented a report including the water tower near the Skate Park being City-owned, the Public Utilities Department being amenable to painting a mural on the tower, awaiting Utilities Interim Director Vuolo's answer to questions, and more information being provided to the Board as it is received.

- C. [22-2078](#) The City's 65th Anniversary Mural.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

***A motion was made by Board Member Shelton, seconded by Chair Kelly, to postpone Agenda Item No. 22-2078 to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

**D. [22-2079](#)** Upcoming Events & Programs Update from North Port Art Center.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Board Member Gozion provided a report including distribution of a booklet by the North Port Art Center, the Parks and Recreation's information in the booklet, and centering a photo contest on the theme: A Community of Unity.

Ms. Ansel provided details regarding the photo contest including rules and a submission deadline.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Future agenda items included inviting Sarah Worthheimer to a future meeting regarding the "Embracing our Differences" exhibit at Butler Park, scheduling a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, a discussion regarding the City's 65th Anniversary, Arts in the Hall Kids Art Event, and Sunshine Training.

**10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Kelly, Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.