



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Kelly, Vice Chair Nicastro, Board Member Shelton, Board Member Loos, Board Member Parkinson and Board Member Gozion

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. [22-2540](#) Approval of Minutes for the March 3, 2022 Art Advisory Board Meeting.

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

Chair Kelly requested to move Item No. 22-2602 before Item No. 22-2616.

A motion was made by Board Member Shelton, seconded by Vice Chair Nicastro, to move Item No. 22-2602 before Item No. 22-2616. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Presentation

A. [22-2601](#) Presentation and Discussion for Potential 2023 "Embracing Our Differences" Exhibit with Ms. Sarah Wertheimer, Executive Director.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided a brief overview of hosting a future "Embracing Our Differences" exhibit.

Sarah Wertheimer, Executive Director of Embracing Our Differences, Inc., presented an overview including the mission and background of the non-profit organization, history and competitions within Sarasota and Manatee Counties, number of submissions this year, open park displays, exhibiting themes of diversity, programs offered, school field trips, high school students trained as docents for the exhibit, public accessibility, and Butler Park Exhibit.

Discussion took place regarding bringing the program to North Port, educating children and adults, attracting adult traffic, possible sponsors for night lighting, dates for exhibit, and encouraging local artist participation.

7. New Business

B. [22-2616](#)

Discussion and Possible Action for the North Port Aquatic Center Sponsorship Wall.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel spoke to the project being initiated by the Parks and Recreation Department, location of wall, and options for updating the sponsorship wall.

Cathy Beausoleil, local artist, presented a replacement mural including initial cleaning by the City, parts that cannot be removed, subsequent background painting, undersea and sky theme, a children's activity book, breakdown of proposed budget, height and length of wall, and artwork being weather sealed.

Discussion ensued regarding Commission's final approval, 24 hour accessibility, removing and replacing the blue plastic sponsorship fish, and preparation of the agenda item for Commission approval.

A motion was made by Board Member Shelton, seconded by Board Member Loos, that the Art Advisory Board recommends to the City Commission approval of Option B, requesting a plan and quote from Cathy Beausoleil for a mural to replace the sponsorship wall at Butler Park. The motion carried on a voice vote with Board Member Gozion abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Discussion continued concerning mural maintenance, making art part of the City, providing wall access and timeline of completion.

There was a consensus for Ms. Beausoleil to add a maintenance plan to her contract.

A. [22-2602](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Public Art Project for the City's 65th Anniversary.

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding a date of 2029 and a theme of "A Community of Unity."

8. Updates

- A. [22-2603](#) Upcoming Events and Programs with the North Port Art Center (Dee Dee Gozion).

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Board Member Gozion provided a review of upcoming events.

- B. [22-2604](#) Update on the Recommended Installation of the Roseate Spoonbill Sculpture on the Second Floor of City Hall (Board Liaison Laura Ansel).

Chair Kelly introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel spoke to the date to be presented to Commission, presentation of the item, agenda distribution to Board members, and providing background with alternative locations for the sculpture.

Discussion ensued regarding mural maintenance, spoon bill maintenance, and incentives for maintenance by developers.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items included Board discussion concerning Commission's direction pertaining to the Senior Center mural including backup material, inviting a Senior Center representative to attend a meeting, the Punta Gorda Mural Society presentation, and green art squares distributed throughout the City.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

By: _____
Tony Kelly, Chair

Minutes were approved on the ___ day of _____, 2022.