



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Absent 2 - Board Member Schorzmans and Board Member Kelly

Also Present:

Assistant City Manager Cari Branco, Parks & Recreation Marketing and Outreach Coordinator/Liaison Laura Ansel, and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [21-1010](#) Approval of Minutes for the June 8, 2021 Art Advisory Board Meeting.

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

6. New Business

- A. [21-1106](#) Recap discussion concerning the Arts in the Hall event.

Ms. Ansel provided the following report including event photos and video with the presentation link to be mailed to Board Members, and the problem with the live stream footage from the Board's Arts in the Hall virtual presentation was corrupted and not recoverable.

Discussion ensued regarding notifying the teachers that the event was posted with apologies for the problems with the live stream.

B. [21-1109](#) Discussion and possible action regarding a mural on the North Port Utilities Storage Tank and a Possible Mural for the Senior Center Building.

Board Member Gozion requested the Board choose a location for another mural in the City, noted the previous request for a mural from the Senior Center, reported that the Utilities Department contacted the North Port Art Center regarding a mural on the water tower, and stated she has knowledge of an artist who has painted a skate park in another state.

Discussion ensued regarding the last attempt to paint the skate park, restarting the process, graffiti being found in many skate parks, having a single mural artist vs. high school students, inviting individuals who are knowledgeable about painting skateboard bowls, and projects that are currently in the hopper being discussed later in the agenda.

Ms. Branco suggested contacting Parks and Grounds Manager Jeff Nelson, and the considerations that are unique with painting the bowls at the skate park including challenges regarding using the proper type of paint.

Ms. Ansel recommended inviting Mr. Nelson to the next meeting for discussion purposes.

7. Updates

A. [21-1066](#) **Update on the Mandalas for World Peace and Roseate Spoonbill Status for Public Display.**

Ms. Ansel provided a report including an answer from Interim City Manager that the Mandalas for World Peace may be placed in the City Hall lobby, an answer from Acting Public Works Director Chuck Speake that the Roseate Spoonbill sculpture was not powder-coated, was cleaned of rust with a protective sealant and is being stored until direction is given regarding its new location, and Ms. Branco was present in response to the Board's request to City Manager concerning displaying the Spoonbill in alternative locations.

Discussion ensued regarding height needed to display the sculpture.

Ms. Branco spoke to the North Port Performing Arts Center's lobby being a possible location.

There was consensus to request that Assistant City Manager Branco contact the North Port Performing Arts Center requesting to display the Roseate Spoonbill in their lobby.

B. [21-1107](#) Update on the "Gopher It" Gopher Tortoise Public Art Sculptures Project.

Ms. Ansel noted the details involved with holding a Gopher-it art project, Commission recommended not moving forward but pursuing a different type of project, reaching out to the North Port Art Center or the North Port Chamber of Commerce, and presented alternatives to the original project.

Board Member Gozion volunteered to present the project to the North Port Art Center and report back to the Board.

Supporting documents will be provided by Ms. Ansel.

C. [21-1108](#) Update on the Status of the Call to Artists for Replacement Sculpture at Corner of Price & Sumter Boulevard.

Ms. Ansel reported that no responses were received and the Call to Artists was extended 30 days, Commission questioned whether the original budget was sufficient, the announcement being placed on many social media sites including the Ringling College of Art and Design, revising the call and increasing the budget, and reaching out to a single artist requesting a proposal vs doing a hybrid call-to-artists.

Discussion ensued regarding the non-response, reaching out to a larger group of artists, asking Board Member Tony Kelly regarding his artist contacts, and bringing additional suggestions of how to proceed to the next Board meeting.

8. Future Agenda Items

Board Member Gozion reported the North Pot Art Center requested permission to hold an artists' reception at City Hall in connection with a mini art show on each floor toward the end of September or early next year.

There was consensus to direct Staff to find out whether the Board can fund an artists' reception at City Hall and place this discussion on the next agenda.

Future Agenda Items

Board Member Gozion spoke to permission being requested to put a mural for the Art Center building funded and all work by the Art Center members, depictions of moveable panels were shown for the doors along with drawings to scale for the outside of the building, and North Port High School Art students will be invited to collaborate with Laura Pucci presenting the project for Commission's approval.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shelton, seconded by Board Member Parkinson, to accept the proposal of the North Port Art Center to redecorate the Center's building and present the proposal to the City Commission for approval to move forward. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Nicastro adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

By: _____
Jamie Nicastro,
Chair

Minutes were approved at the Art Advisory Board meeting this ____ day of _____, 2021.