



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Chair Namack, Vice Chair Mannino, Board Member Loos, Board Member Gozion and Board Member Fritz

Absent 2 - Board Member Parkinson and Board Member Pearson

Also Present

Marketing and Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel, Recreation Supervisor Shelby Mendelson, and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Namack.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-0231](#) Approval of Minutes for the January 10, 2023 Art Advisory Board Meeting.

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

6. Presentations

- A. [23-0175](#) Advisory Board Training (Office of the City Clerk)

Chair Namack introduced the item.

Ms. Jianelli provided training including Knowing Your Advisory Board's Powers and Duties as Outlined in the City Code, Fundamental Principles, Board Member Responsibilities, Do's and Don'ts, and Meeting Procedures.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. [22-3874](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Placement of Artwork Near Walgreen's in Heron Creek.
- Chair Namack introduced the item.
- Ms. Ansel spoke to the submission not being approved by Commission, submitting a replacement recommendation, and choosing a final location.
- B. [23-0150](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Commission's Direction Pertaining to a Mural at the Community Education Center
- Chair Namack introduced the item.
- Ms. Mendelson spoke to volunteer labor, a stipend, Board Member reporting findings of artists' interest, and distributed a mural tips handout.
- Discussion ensued regarding a sole source solicitation, mural dimensions, interested parties, artists proposals, and inviting artists to present their mockup.
- There was a consensus that Board Member Gozion provide contacts with mural dimensions, explain the look and feel of the project, and invite artists to present their design and cost proposals for Board review at the next meeting.***
- C. [23-0151](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Upcoming Arts in the Hall Event
- Chair Namack introduced the item.
- Ms. Fritz spoke to contacting North Port art teachers, submissions from North Port High School, Atwater Elementary School's schedule, follow-up plans, Board hanging art, event date, and returning art to schools.
- There was a consensus to set April 27, 2023 as the date for Arts in the Hall and for Board Members to hang the art on March 6, 2023.***
- D. [23-0285](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Painting the City's Utility Boxes
- Chair Namack introduced the item.
- Ms. Ansel spoke to waiting for Utilities Department and the City Manager to respond.
- A. [22-3174](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City's 65th Anniversary and Community of Unity Themed Project
- Chair Namack introduced the item.
- Discussion ensued regarding anniversary event in 2024.
- Ms. Mendelson spoke to Board actions taken last month and the Board's project for the City's 65th Anniversary.

8. New Business

B. [23-0230](#) Annual Report to the Commission

Chair Namack introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel spoke to the contents of a draft annual report and a report template.

Discussion ensued regarding 2022 events, accomplishments, commercial donations, sponsorship programs, sponsorship factors, Art Fund balance, Art in Public Places Fund balance process, turtle sculpture maintenance, mural at the North Port Art Center goals to include painting utility boxes, finalizing a project for the 65th Anniversary, initiating a sculpture garden, map brochure of art locations, and painting Sumter Boulevard's wall.

A motion was made by Board Member Loos, seconded by Board Member Gozion, to approve the Board's Annual Report and forward it to the Commission with edits including painting utility boxes, skate park murals, Community Education building mural, Arts in the Hall, the City's 65th Anniversary project, Sumter and Price Boulevards revolving art, initiating a sculpture garden, and a self-guided tour map of art locations in the City. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

9. Updates

Chair Namack introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel distributed a brochure and a booklet regarding Embracing Our Differences.

10. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include Item No. 23-0150, Item No. 23-0151, Item No. 23-0285, Item No. 22-3174, determining who owns the wall on Sumter Boulevard, inviting a staff member to speak regarding Art in Public Places funding, evaluating the skate park murals, Board Member Gozion's guest artists, a revolving art exhibit at Price and Sumter Boulevards, and new on-going item regarding goals in progress and goals accomplished.

11. Public Comment

Eva Rathgeber: a sculpture in the Garden of the Five Senses.

12. Adjournment

Chair Namack adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

By: _____
Wendy Namack, Chair

Minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2023.