



City of North Port

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Meeting Minutes City Commission Joint Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Pete Emrich, Mayor
Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor
Jill Luke, Commissioner
Debbie McDowell, Commissioner
Alice White, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager
Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

Joint Meeting With Art Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Emrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Jill Luke, Commissioner Alice White and Commissioner Debbie McDowell

Also Present

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, Assistant City Attorney Margaret Roberts, City Clerk Heather Taylor, Recording Secretary Amanda Baker, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Commander Brownie, Marketing & Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel, and Assistant City Manager Julia Bellia

Art Advisory Board Members: Jamie Nicastro, Dee Dee Gozion, Samantha Parkinson, and Cyndi Shelton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marketing & Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke, seconded by Vice Mayor Langdon, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Emrich, Vice Mayor Langdon, Commissioner Luke, Commissioner White and Commissioner McDowell

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Public Art Process.

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel spoke to the purpose of the joint meeting to discuss the process for public art and replacing the Spoonbill sculpture.

Board members spoke on Commission recommendation regarding placement of art sculptures throughout the City.

Board Member Parkinson joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding creating a mural at the Senior Center, concern with material deterioration of outdoor sculptures, hesitation to replace the Spoonbill sculpture, outdoor art in Sarasota being weather-resistant, criteria for maintaining outdoor art, examples of Sarasota sculptures, location photos to send to artists for sculpture creations, artist participation, ensuring sustainable investments, and placement of the Spoonbill sculpture.

Board Members spoke to the cost of the Sarasota art sculptures, appreciation regarding creating bolder art, progress of the Skate Park improvement project, Sculpture Garden in Englewood, sculptures in Sarasota being permanent structures, and art maintenance responsibilities.

Ms. Bellia answered questions regarding the upcoming Spoonbill sculpture agenda item, revising the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) regarding public art and developer contributions, and spoke to possible criteria for inclusion for the ULDC rewrite regarding developer projects.

Discussion continued regarding the cost of the Spoonbill sculpture, location and funding of the Sculpture Garden in Englewood, knowledge of the Board, and placing temporary art along walking trails and Legacy Trail.

Ms. Ansel spoke to rotating exhibits in Sarasota being coordinated by a specific position and issues with calls for artists.

Discussion continued regarding creating a specific position within Neighborhood Development Services to circulate and coordinate public art and the possibility of funding the position from the art fund.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Pete Emrich, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

These minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 20__.