



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, August 10, 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 Schorzmann

Absent 2 - Board Member Kelly and Board Member Roberts

Also Attended:

Parks & Recreation Marketing and Outreach Coordinator 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. [21-1252](#) Approval of Minutes for the July 20, 2021 Art Advisory Board Meeting.

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

6. Presentations

- A. [21-1231](#) Presentation and Discussion Regarding Painting the North Port Skate Park.

Board Member Gozion noted her contact did not return her call and requested to reschedule this agenda item until next month.

There was consensus to move agenda item 21-1231 to the September Art Advisory Board meeting.

Ms. Ansel noted she reached out to the Parks and Recreation Department Parks and Grounds Manager Jeff Nelson regarding painting the features in the skate park, the Department is ready to proceed with the mural but asked for clarification about the paint that would be used (to ensure it has enough grit for user safety) and requested direction from the Board on their ability to conduct ongoing maintenance as needed.

Discussion ensued pertaining to meeting with the artist with the intent to develop maintenance parameters, and inviting Mr. Nelson to a meeting for input prior to finalizing a plan.

Ms. Ansel spoke to scheduling the artist's presence at a Board meeting.

7. New Business

A. [21-1233](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Hosting an Artists' Reception at City Hall in Connection with the North Port Art Center.

Discussion ensued regarding confirming a date for an artists' reception at City Hall in connection with the North Port Art Center exhibit to be displayed next January, February and March.

Ms. Ansel addressed funding for the reception from the Art Board budget, and providing several optional dates.

Discussion continued concerning Art Board Members helping the Art Center as needed, receiving approval from the City Manager for the event, and modeling the event after a soiree with displays by artisans.

There was consensus that Board Member Gozion coordinate with the North Port Art Center to set a date between September 20 and September 30, 2021 for the Artists' Reception at City Hall, email the information to Staff Liaison Ansel who will draft a letter to the City Manager requesting approvals of the date and time, and to email Board Members with details after receiving approval.

B. [21-1234](#) Request Permission from City Commission to Paint Mural on Building at 5950 Sam Shapos Way.

Ms. Ansel spoke to the process of receiving approval for the mural from the Commission through a memo to the City Manager, apprising the Board of the answer, and examples of art being included with the request.

8. Updates

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

Ms. Ansel spoke to no responses being received.

Discussion ensued regarding an artist in Venice who quoted a \$25,000 minimum for this project, increasing the original budget for the project and reposting the Call to Artists, the current competition for local artists, and inviting the original artists to resubmit under a variable budget

Ms. Ansel noted that art is exempt from certain budget restrictions, and having done due diligence in putting out a call and receiving no responses the Board could contact artists directly asking them to submit a proposal.

Discussion continued concerning offering a variable budget amount and reaching out to artists who first submitted an offer, a budget range of up to \$35,000, inviting a single artist by invitation to do the work, choosing five known sculptors from Tampa to Naples to

provide examples of their work to the Board, renting art pieces on loan for a time period, and keeping with the public art theme of Florida flora, fauna and native indigenous culture or historical art.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shelton, seconded by Board Member Loos, for the group to research different sculpture artists they would like to invite to a Board meeting and bring the information to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Ansel requested that Board Members email their suggested artists to her before the submission deadline for items on the next agenda, and she will email a list of respondents from the 2019 Call to Artists for Board Member review prior to the next meeting.

B. [21-1232](#)

Update Regarding a Request to Exhibit the Roseate Spoonbill in the Lobby of the North Port Performing Arts Center.

Ms. Ansel addressed the Board's request that the Roseate Spoonbill be exhibited at the North Port Performing Arts Center was met with concern that the location was not ideal, suggested the Board consider the North Port Library, an email was sent to the library Manager, the reply will be forwarded to Art Board Members, it was recommended that the sculpture be protected from the outside elements, confirmation was provided that the bird was not powder coated but only cleaned of rust, has a protective sealant applied, is ready for display, and is being stored until direction is given to the location.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items included discussion regarding the skate park, the artist information gathered by the Board, and the Art Center Reception update.

10 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair Nicasastro adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

By: _____
Jamie Nicasastro,
Chair

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