

**ART ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

**Present:** Josh Reid, Chair; Laura Pucci, Vice-Chair; Moira Powell; Zhaneta Albritton, Youth Member; Staff Liaison Katrina Romano, Neighborhood Development Services Administrative Manager; and Recording Secretary Hale.

**Absent:** Shawn Singh, Youth Member.

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The Regular Meeting of the Art Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in Meeting/Training Room 244 by Chair Reid.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**4. MINUTES APPROVAL: FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

*A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci, seconded by Board Member Albritton, that the Art Advisory Board approve the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

**5. ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED (UNFINISHED BUSINESS)**

5A Call to Artist update

Ms. Romano reported that the City received five submissions from the Call to Artists. 1) #1 Roseate Spoonbill by Donald Gialanella; 2) #2 Hera the Blue Heron by Lee Bell; 3) #3 Fly High Sculpture by Luis Fernandez; 4) #4 Bronze Roseate Spoonbill by Natasha Drazich; and 5) #5 Catching Flight (Great Horned Owl) sculpture by Courtney Ryan and Chris Horn.

It was suggested to remove the Great Horned Owl (#5) because it is not a water bird, and did not adhere to the Call-to-Artists requirements.

*A motion was made by Chair Reid, seconded by Board Member Albritton, to remove #5, Catching Flight by Courtney Ryan and Chris Horn because it is not a native Florida water bird. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

A review was provided of the artists: 1) artist #1 lives in St. Petersburg, Florida, is a highly accomplished artist and his work is displayed in many places around the United States including Florida, 2) artist #2 is from Sarasota and the piece is completed and ready for installation if chosen; 3) artist #3 lives in Venice and his sculpture received 1st Place, in Artists and Arts a juried show in the Wynwood Arts District. Miami in 2014 and was commissioned to do other sculptures in Florida and Colorado; 4) artist #4 is from Winter Park and also has pieces displayed in several cities; the rendering of her bird will be in bronze.

Discussion ensued: 1) it was noted that the overall scale of #2 the Blue Heron (at 5-feet 6-inches) and #4, the Bronze Roseate Spoonbill (at 4-feet, 5-inches) is too small to see from a moving vehicle; 2) the #1 Roseate Spoonbill is remarkably better at 10-12 feet tall and there will be no safety or maintenance issues;

3) #3 is an abstract rendering but there was concern about its size and it might be better placed within a park; #2 seemed to be fragile for a public outdoor setting, especially during hurricane season.

*There was a consensus from the Board to choose #1 the pink Roseate Spoonbill.*

*A motion was made by Vice-Chair Pucci; seconded by Chair Reid, that the Art Advisory Board recommends to the City Commission to approve Submission #1, Roseate Spoonbill by Donald Gialanella for the sculpture at the corner of Price and Sumter Boulevards. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

Discussion ensued regarding decisions for other Art in Public Places art pieces, including: 1) starting a five-year plan with installation of one piece per year; 2) after a map was requested with the possible locations recommended by the City, Ms. Romano will email her findings to Board Members; 3) Members were asked to think about an appropriate date and time to install the Walgreens sculpture; 4) it was suggested to schedule the installation and the big reveal of the sculpture sometime after hurricane season and to place this as a discussion item on the next Art Board meeting; 5) Ms. Romano will process an agenda item to be placed on the next available Commission Meeting as a General Business item for Commission approval; 6) Board Members were encouraged to attend that Commission Meeting; 7) it was hoped that the current artists would submit again at the next Call-to-Artists; 8) how to move forward with additional ideas to place art in the City.

#### 5B Board Recruitment

It was reported that the City Clerk received an Advisory Board Application submission by an individual and is scheduled to be addressed on the April 9, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting.

#### 5C Arts at the Hall Update - Debriefing

Discussion ensued: 1) the event was a learning-curve with the new day, new format, a new joint effort with the Parks & Recreation Department, and the extended length of the combined events; 2) the event was sufficiently advertised—since November—but it was suggested that there may be more participants if the event returns to an evening timeframe; 3) it was suggested to schedule the event in February next year; 4) visual arts with performing arts should be included; 5) a Best in Show, Honorable Mention, and a People’s Choice award in the form of gift cards could also be considered; 6) what is displayed on each floor of City Hall could be evaluated, to accommodate special City events such as Arts at the Hall; 7) it was suggested to write the needs of the Art Board regarding the display of art on each floor and forward it to the City Manager.

#### 5D Teacher feedback pertaining to Commission request for entertainment between district and regular meetings

It was noted that the entertainment provided between Commission meetings was not attended well and there is a need for more support and involvement by City Staff and Commission.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### 6A Mural at the Senior Center

Ms. Romano provided the following update: 1) a memo from the City Manager to the Commission was read and it was stated that there is an agenda item scheduled for the April 9, 2019 Commission Regular Meeting to discuss the mural, give direction, and schedule a possible charette; 2) the project was initiated from a suggestion by a Commissioner.

Discussion ensued: 1) concern was expressed that the mural was presented to the Art Advisory Board as a project that would be cost-free; 2) a Call-to-Artists should be advertised for the project; 3) the project was presented to the Board as a pre-made decision and plan; 4) further discussion is needed concerning distribution of the funds for Art in Public Places with a mural at the Senior Center as part of the plan; 5) it was suggested that the Art Board formulate ideas and present a plan to the Commission regarding art displays; 6) concern was expressed by the Board that the procurement process for selecting an art project and an artist for the City was not adhered in the recommendation for the Senior Center mural; 7) a memo can be sent to the City Manager with the Board's concerns and how the Commission wants the Board to be involved in the project.

6B Annual Report to the Commission

Ms. Romano explained the process in submitting an Annual Report to the Commission by Advisory Boards, utilizing a written memo or a PowerPoint presentation. The Report should be submitted during the first quarter of each year.

It was agreed that Ms. Romano will draft a written report, send it out to Board Members to give input and finalize, prior to forwarding it on to the City Manager and the Commission.

Later on, a future Joint Meeting with the Commission will be scheduled to discuss Art Board issues in depth.

*There was a consensus to provide and forward a written Annual Report to the City Manager and then to the Commission.*

6C Update on changes to Agenda posting

Ms. Romano explained the new changes coming to the Advisory Board agendas beginning in April, as the process of preparing, posting and recording meetings moves to Legistar. In connection with these changes, the Board's November meeting date needs to be changed as it falls on a recognized holiday.

*A motion was made by Chair Reid, seconded by Board Member Albritton, to schedule the November Art Advisory Board meeting to Wednesday, November 13, 2019. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

Following a brief discussion, it was decided to place an agenda item on the April meeting to consider revising the Board's meeting date to a different weekday.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

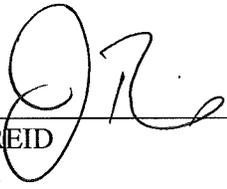
Agenda items for the next meeting include: 1) Call to Artists; 2) Board Recruitment; 3) Arts at the Hall Update; 4) Teacher Feedback pertaining to Commission Request for Entertainment between District and Regular Meetings; 5) Annual Report to the Commission; 6) Finalizing the Annual Report to the Commission; 7) Revising the 2019 Art Board Meeting Calendar; 8) a discussion regarding scheduling the installation and a date for the sculpture's "reveal" event after hurricane season.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reid adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Art Advisory Board at 6:41 p.m.

  
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JOSH REID  
CHAIR

Minutes of the North Port Art Advisory Board Meeting  
approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.