



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final Art Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Board Liaison Ansel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent 2 - Board Member Pearson and Chair Namack

Also Present

Staff Assistant ii Brittany Rainey, Marketing and Engagement Coordinator Laura Ansel, and Recording Secretary Susan Hale.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [22-3163](#) Approve the Minutes for the June 14, 2022 Art Advisory Board Meeting, the July 12, 2022 Art Advisory Board Meeting (No Quorum), the August 9, 2022 Art Advisory Board Meeting (No Quorum), and September 13, 2022 Art Advisory Board Meeting (No Quorum).

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

6. Elections

- A. [22-3622](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Ansel stated nominations were now in order for the office of Chair.

Board Member Gozion nominated Wendy Namack as Chair.

Ms. Ansel queried if there were any further nominations. Without objection, the nominations were closed.

The nomination of Wendy Namack as Chair carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ms. Ansel stated nominations were now in order for the office of Vice Chair.

Board Member Gozion nominated David Mannino as Vice Chair.

Ms. Ansel queried if there were any further nominations. Without objection, the nominations were closed.

The nomination of David Mannino as Vice Chair carried unanimously on a voice vote.

7. New Business

A. [22-3172](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Commission's Direction Pertaining to a Mural at the Community Education Center.

Vice Chair Mannino introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel introduced Britney Rainey.

Ms. Rainey spoke to the mural size, outside location, suggested subject matter, interior, current ground cover near the location, and a photo of the Community Education Building.

Discussion ensued regarding inviting senior high school art students to participate, creating the mural off-site and projecting the image on the wall, Commission direction, fee structure for design and fee structure for work, Commission review of the design, funding from the Arts in Public Places Budget, and using student's community service hours.

There was a consensus that Board Member Mannino will canvass high school art students to determine interest in the mural project.

There was a consensus to direct Ms. Ansel to provide the Art Advisory Board with the specifications for the mural space.

There was a consensus to direct Ms. Gozion to bring back budget information regarding the recent mural at the North Port Art Center.

B. [22-3173](#)

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Painting the City's Utility Boxes

Vice Chair Mannino introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided a brief review of past discussions.

Mr. Mannino presented information including Sarasota's current public art projects, before and after visuals, other cities' examples, public art awareness, Commission approval of final project, public space enhancements, and anticipated tourism revenue.

Discussion ensued regarding life-span of mural wraps vs. paint, art teacher to help, test painting of one utility box, on-going maintenance, permanent-fixtue artwork, costs of a wrap, location and number of utility boxes, painting a pre-determined number each year, obtaining permission from Utility Department, researching other cities' projects, budget needs, and arranging a meeting with someone from the Utilities Department and Neighborhood Development Services.

There was a consensus to direct Ms. Ansel to request the City Manager to arrange a

meeting with all parties concerned to get the painting of the utility boxes in motion.

- C. [22-3174](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the City's 65th Anniversary and Community of Unity Themed Project.

Vice Chair Mannino introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding a national art project, a mural design made of many small boxes, a large image design broken down into 4x4 boxes, determining the location and size, mounting the art piece, Jacksonville's example, deciding on location and dimensions, indoor location being best, and using the "North Port United" theme.

There was a consensus to direct Ms. Ansel to get specifications of the Mullen Center wall and forward the information to Board Members.

- D. [22-3177](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Project Priorities of the Board for the Next Five Years

Vice Chair Mannino introduced the item.

Discussion ensued regarding pitfalls of the Board's original five-year plan, keeping projects on track, the time and energy spent planning a project to be not approved by Commission, navigating a project's process through its execution, the 2023 Arts in the Hall event and notifying teachers, continuing work on established projects, the virtual Arts in the Hall in 2021, unframed art pieces, and the budgeted amount for Arts in the Hall.

There was a consensus to designate Board Member Fritz as Project Manager for 2023 Arts in the Hall.

Discussion continued regarding contacting teachers in the North Port schools, donations from local businesses, and diversity of art when size is unlimited.

There was a consensus to email Board Members the Art Board Workbook.

9. Updates

- A. [22-3175](#) Art Advisory Board Approved Projects Receiving City Commission Direction or Approval (Board Liaison Laura Ansel)

Vice Chair Mannino introduced the item.

Ms. Ansel provided an update including the Spoonbill's location, budget amendment to fund relocation of the sculpture, installation date, first floor mural canvass delivery, aquatic center mural start date and funding, and Embracing Our Differences project at Butler Park will proceed.

- B. [22-3176](#) Upcoming Events and Programs with the North Port Art Center (Dee Dee Gozion).

Vice Chair Mannino introduced the item.

Ms. Gozion noted the Art Center received some hurricane damage, beginning regular programs again, "Art of War" event at Wellen Park Welcome Center, and the Center's Veteran Program.

10. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items include the Agenda Item Nos. 22-3172, 22-3173, 22-3174, and a discussion regarding Arts in the Hall.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjournment

Vice Chair Mannino adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

By: _____
Wendy B. Namack, Chair

Minutes were approved on the ____ day of _____, 2022.