



**REGULAR MEETING
FORT WORTH ART COMMISSION
Monday, May 16, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

In-Person Only
Fort Worth Community Arts Center
1300 Gendy Street
Fort Worth, TX, 76107

PRESENT

Commissioner Jennifer G. Brooks, Ph.D.
Commissioner Raul Pena
Commissioner James Talambas, Vice Chair

Commissioner Leslie Thompson
Commissioner Estrus Tucker, Chair

ABSENT

Commissioner Maggie Adler
Commissioner Bill Campbell

Commissioner Branigan Contreras
Commissioner Randle Harwood

CITY STAFF

Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager
Mark McAvoy, Planning & Data Analytics Director
Jessika Williams, Assistant City Attorney
Dot Kent, Community Engagement Office

ARTS FORT WORTH STAFF

Karen Wiley, President & CEO
Martha Peters, Director of Public Art
Anne Allen, Public Art Project Manager
Alida Labbe, Public Art Project Manager
Michelle Richardson, Public Art Project Manager
Jenny Conn, Public Art Collection Manager
Michael Asbill, Community Engagement Manager

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

- II. Approval of Minutes – Chairman Tucker
 - a. Regular Meeting of April 18, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Brooks to approve the Art Commission Minutes of April 18, 2022. The Motion passed (4-0-1) with Commissioner Pena abstaining since he was not in attendance.

- III. Report of Chair – Chairman Tucker
 - a. Current / Upcoming Art Commission Vacancies:
 - i. Community Representative
 - ii. Arts ProfessionalChairman Tucker asked Commissioners to direct interested individuals to:
<https://fwpublicart.org/fort-worth-art-commission/> to learn more. On that page is a link to



the City of Fort Worth's website where online applications for the Art Commission may be made. He reminded everyone that applicants must live in Fort Worth to be eligible for consideration.

b. Appointment of Commissioners to Public Art Projects:

- i. Meacham Corridor – Commissioner Brooks
- ii. Chapel Creek Corridor – Commissioner Contreras

Chairman Tucker thanked them both for agreeing to serve as Art Commission liaison to these projects and stated that the public art project manager will check their schedule prior to setting up Project Core Team and Selection Panel meetings.

c. Chairman's Comments on Current Agenda Items

Chairman Tucker reported that voters approved all propositions of the 2022 Bond Program on May 7, 2022. This program will generate funds for public art over the next few years. In the meantime, our work to develop the Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond program is underway. Since we are still in the process of meeting with individual City Council members to get their input on the Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program, we do not have an action item to endorse this draft plan this month. However, we expect to be ready to take that action in June and set a Public Hearing in July to receive community input.

IV. Citizens' Presentations – None.

V. Action Items

- a. Approve Selection Panel's Recommendation of Artist Team Ball-Nogues and Alternate Artist Karl Unnasch for Riverside Park, 501 Oakhurst Scenic Dr, 76111 (Council District 9)
 - i. Report of Staff – Michelle Richardson, on behalf of Alida Labbe
The chosen artist matches the Project Core Team interests for the artwork at Riverside Park. The voting summary is included in the backup document.
 - ii. Project Stakeholder Comments– None.
 - iii. Citizens Presentations– None.
 - iv. Art Commission Discussion
Upon request of a commissioner, staff confirmed the composition of the Project Core Team and gave insight into their various affiliations and connections to the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pena and seconded by Commissioner Talambas to approve the Selection Panel's Recommendation of Artist Team Ball-Nogues and Alternate Artist Karl Unnasch for Riverside Park, 501 Oakhurst Scenic Dr, 76111 (Council District 9). The passed (5-0-0).



- b. Recommend Selected Alternate Curator Iris Bechtol and Artists Leticia Bajuyo and Alicia Eggert to Enter Three (3) Individual Final Design Contracts for Two (2) Roundabouts on Marine Creek Parkway at the intersections of Longhorn Road and at Cromwell-Marine Creek Road, 76179 (Council District 2)

- i. Report of Staff – Michelle Richardson

On April 28th, the original selected artists team (Constance White, Amy Landesberg and Jessica Bell) withdrew from the project. Alternate curator Iris Bechtol with artists Leticia Bajuyo and Alicia Eggert are available to move forward with their proposal pending the Fort Worth Art Commission's recommendation.

- ii. Curatorial Proposal Presentation – Iris Bechtol

Bechtol stated her proposal responded to the request for artworks that are aesthetically pleasing but not distracting to drivers.

Artists Leticia Bajuyo and Alicia Eggert both took interest in the circular quality of the roundabouts and their relation to time. They wanted to inspire viewers to consider time as linear and endless, but also as cyclical. The rhythmic quality created by repetition of elements in each sculpture ensures a visually engaging experience from all directions and reinforces the concept of time in the work.

Each piece, and the relationship between the two, give form to the relative endlessness of time as memory and experience. Bajuyo's "One Way" is a collection of 24 aluminum 'wheels' that repeat the phrase 'one way' in a spinning motion. Wheels are painted in a gradation of blue-green hues, each measuring 48" in diameter. As proposed, the overall proposed dimension of the work is 15' (height) x 30' (width) x 26' (depth).

Eggert's "A Very Long Now" is made up of 60 repeating aluminum cutouts of the word "NOW", each spaced 2"-15" apart. Together, they spiral skyward. The overall proposed sculpture measures 29'4" (height) x 25'6" (width) x 37' (depth), with each 'NOW' 4'4" (height) x 13'9" (width).

- iii. Project Stakeholder Comments- None.

- iv. Citizens Presentations- None.

- v. Art Commission Discussion-

Commissioners were excited about the design, noting the strength of concept, aesthetic quality, and connection of the works to each other and the site.

Commissioner Tucker likes Bechtol's intent of encouraging pieces that are not too distracting for drivers. Bechtol responded that she wanted works that that people could view a distance and would not need to slow down to view.

Commissioner Talambas commented this project brings something special to that side of town and works perfectly for the site.



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VI. Staff Report and Announcements

a. Informal Reports:

i. Fire Station #43 - Michelle Richardson

In Summer 2020, the City asked Harris to delay Final Design development until the City has identified a new location for the fire station. The fire station has moved from Camp Bowie Boulevard to the Walsh Ranch area. Due to this change in location and rising materials cost, the artist will need to redesign the work. An amendment for this scope is currently in negotiation.

ii. East Regional Library – Alida Labbe

Installation is complete.

Commissioner Thompson asked if the crepe myrtles will be planted on the site. Martha Peters responded that Eastside Blossoms, an Eastside community non-profit, has already planted trees.

Commissioner Pena commented that he saw the piece while driving and it caught his eye.

An artwork dedication event is not planned yet.

b. Recent Community Engagement Events – Michael Asbill

i. Arts Fort Worth at Arts Goggle

Arts Fort Worth was the Block 5 Sponsor at Arts Goggle. Staff and volunteers spoke to visitors about Pioneer Tower, New Stories: New Futures, and Arts Fort Worth's rebranding.

ii. Dedication of *Eonothem* by Mike Ross at Rockwood Park

The artwork dedication was held on April 27, 2022, and was hosted by project partner Arnold Gachman, who had commemorative coins featuring an image of sculpture to mark the occasion.

c. Upcoming Community Engagement Event

i. Dedication of *Drift* by Volkan Alkanoglu, 3500 block of Westcreek Drive, 76133, Saturday, June 4, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

There will be an informal fun run/walk after the dedication.

d. Announcements of Staff



Martha Peters announced Michelle Gonzales was re-hired as a part-time Project Manager for Public Art.

- VII. Announcements of Commissioners – None.
- VIII. Future Agenda Items – None.
- IX. Next Meeting - Chairman Tucker
 - a. Monday, June 20, 2022, *time TBD*, Fort Worth Community Arts Center
- X. Adjournment – Chairman Tucker adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

