



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING FORT WORTH ART COMMISSION

Monday, March 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Southwest Regional Library
4001 Library Lane
Fort Worth, TX 76109

COMMISSION MEMBERS

- ☒ Maggie Adler, Art Professional 1 (Curator), Chairwoman
- ☒ Libby Tilley Hogg, Community Representative 4, Vice Chairwoman
- ☒ Denise Turner, Community Representative 1
- ☒ Dr. Jennifer G. Brooks, Community Representative 2
- ☒ Lorie Kinler, Art Professional 3 (Design)
- ☒ Philip Newburn, Art Professional 4 (Design)
- ☐ Jessica Fuentes, Art Professional 2 (Artist)
- ☒ Branigan Contreras, Community Representative 3
- ☒ Bernardo Vallarino, Art Professional 5 (Art Professional)

CITY FORT WORTH STAFF

Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager
Midori Clark, Director, Fort Worth Public Library
Trey Qualls, Assistant City Attorney

ARTS FORT WORTH STAFF

Wesley Gentle, Executive Director & President
Anne Allen, Public Art Program Manager
Michelle Richardson, Public Art Project Manager
Michelle Gonzales, Public Art Project Manager
Alida Labbe, Public Art Project Manager
Jenny Conn, Public Art Collection Manager

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I. Call to Order – Chairwoman Adler 5:31 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes – Chairwoman Adler

a. Regular Meeting of February 17, 2025

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Motion by:	Philip Newburn
2 nd	Libby Tilley-Hogg
Final Vote:	8-0-0

III. Report of Chair – Chairwoman Adler

a. Appoint Commissioner Kinler to North Municipal Campus Public Art Project

Chairwoman Adler shared that she and Vice Chairwoman Tilley Hogg had a good meeting with Mayor Parker. They feel positive the Commission can find effective ways to advocate about the FWPA Program to City Council.

IV. Public Comments - General (3 minutes per speaker)

[PLEASE NOTE: Speakers addressing a specific action item on the agenda will be invited to speak prior to "Art Commission Discussion" of that item.]

None

V. Presentation - Draft FY 2026 Collection Management Planning Overview

– Collection Manager Jennifer Conn

Conn presented an overview of the strategy employed to develop the Collection Management (CM) Five-Year Plan. The plan considers not only the artworks that are already installed, but projects in the works and those planned for the upcoming FY2026 Bond Program. Staff are staying up to date on information about the Bond Program and will update the Commission as needed.

Conn shared that the collection is made up of over 350 individual art elements that comprise 164 completed artwork projects at an investment value of over \$27 million dollars. She noted that staff anticipate completing up to 11 projects by the end of 2025 adding \$4 million dollars to the total value of the city's public art collection.

The CM Five-Year Plan takes into consideration the artist's maintenance recommendations, along with the artwork's materials and location in determining treatment frequency. Depending on materials, treatment frequency is generally phased in every 12-16 months, every 3-5 years, or every 10 years. Treatment costs are based on previous treatments or estimated, to develop annual anticipated maintenance budgets.

In addition to regular cleaning, the plan includes recommendations for capital projects, i.e. conservation and repair projects that exceed \$10,000.00 and/or are necessary to project the value of the asset. Projects are planned based on staff capacity.

The plan informs the Commission and the City of the needs for next fiscal year's budget including both general preventative maintenance treatments and capital projects. The draft budget recommendation will be further refined over the next weeks to help the Commission make a final recommendation to the Library Department and the City Manager's office.

Chairwoman Adler shared that the presentation provides valuable information to support advocacy discussions. Commissioner Vallerino asks about the budget amount and if requesting a higher amount might be advisable. Conn underscored that the recommended amount was developed based on the criteria she shared, and notes staff will use the budget approved by the City Manager's office to prioritize repairs over preventative maintenance if necessary.

Gentle responded to Chairwoman Adler's question about timing saying that the City's budget process asks departments to submit a Decision Package and historically Arts Fort Worth has submitted this in May. However, based on internal conversations about how the city views funding the organization, the Commission may recommend separating the collection management budget recommendation from the annual agreement to more clearly delineate the services Arts Fort Worth provides for the City. He commented that discussions with the Library

Department Director and the City Manager's office will occur prior to the submission of the Decision Package.

Chairwoman Adler offers herself and Vice Chairwoman Tilley Hogg for those discussions.

VI. Staff Report and Announcements

- a. Recent/Upcoming City Council Actions
 - i. February 25, Riverside Park M&C (Council District 11) – Alida Labbe
 - ii. February 25, Sycamore Park M&C (Council District 5) – Michelle Gonzales
Allen reported that both M&C's passed and that Riverside Park is expected to install in Fall of 2025 and Sycamore Park in June, 2025.
- b. Informal Project Reports:
 - i. Oak Grove Park (Council District 8) – Michelle Richardson reported that three finalists (and an alternate) were selected for an interview process, to be conducted the following week. The project artist recommendation will be presented at the April FWAC meeting.
 - ii. Fire Station #43 (Council District 3) – Michelle Richardson reported that one finalist withdrew. Alternate Demarcus McGaughey has stepped in as the third finalist and received a finalist orientation in late February. The selection panel will now meet in May to review the finalists' proposals for the project. In the meantime, the new station held a celebratory grand opening earlier in February.
 - iii. Horne Street (Trashcan Murals) (Council District 6) – Michelle Richardson reported that 16 mural designs developed by Darryl Ratcliff and the Horne Street Mentees for cement trashcans along Horne Street have been approved by the Neighborhood Services Department, as a final part the Como Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP). Work is expected to be completed this spring.
 - iv. Northwest Community Center (Council District 10) – Anne Allen reported that Mathew Mazzota's project is completely installed and will be dedicated later this year when the City officially opens the center.
 - v. Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Council District 7) – Jenny Conn reported the Parks Advisory Board endorsed the site at Veteran's Park and the Parks Department's recommendation to use Community Partnership funds to match up to \$200,000 to help complete funding for the project.
 - vi. Ciquio Vasquez Park Information Item, Parks Advisory Board –Michelle Gonzales. Allen reported that Gonzales presented information to the Advisory Board this month, and the Board is expected to endorse it at their April meeting.
- c. Recent/Upcoming Community Engagement
 - i. Northwest Patrol Division Groundbreaking, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 9:00am, 3900 Angle Avenue, 76106
 - ii. Northwest Community Center Grand Opening, May 27, 2025
- d. Announcements of Staff
 - i. Arts Forward Summit – Wesley Gentle announced that the inaugural summit will be held on March 29th and reminded Commissioners the Summit was recommended in the Arts Council's comprehensive Cultural Plan process in 2014. 2014 Cultural Plan was approved by City Council and included six goals to foster growth in the arts.

The sixth goal recommended strengthening cultural ecology in the city through a State of the Arts event biannually. The Summit is an opportunity for conversations across the arts sectors to unfold in a shared location. The Summit will be held in partnership with Texas Wesleyan University with various concurrent panel sessions. Although the Summit is a ticketed event, there are several payment tiers and sponsored opportunities with the intention there not be financial barriers to attending.

e. Collection Spotlight, *Remnants of 1965* by Riley Holloway– Michelle Richardson

VII. Announcements of Commissioners – All

Commissioner Vallerino shared that his one-day exhibition occurred in Friso.

Vice Chairwoman Tilley Hogg announced that her popup airstream gallery *Lottie May Lounge* will have a spring show at the Round Top Antiques Show featuring the work of Kelly O'Connor and Tobin Levy.

Commissioner Turner shared that she completed 3 weeks of successful fundraising for non-profit organizations, including two sold out fundraisers that provided scholarships for 30 Fort Worth students.

Commissioner Brooks shared that a civic symposium will also be held at Texas Wesleyan on March 28th with elected officials from across the country attending, including a group titled the Society for the Arts, and that she would like to share information with their leadership team about the Arts Forward Summit taking place at Texas Wesleyan the day after the symposium.

VIII. Requests for Future Agenda Items – All

Chairwoman Adler suggested discussing arts advocacy with City elected officials.

Vice Chairwoman Tilley Hogg suggested there be talking points for these meetings with City Council Members ready at the April meeting.

IX. Next Meeting

a. Regular Meeting – Monday, April 21, 2025, 5:30 p.m., location TBD (*in-person only*)

Chairwoman Adler stated that Mayor Parker hopes future meetings can be held at the new City Hall.

X. Adjournment – Chairwoman Adler 6:29 p.m.