

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**OF THE**

**ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**

**January 5, 2021**

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COUNTY OF DENTON §**

**Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**

**(Agenda Item 1)**

Attendees were Board members Traci Gardner-Petteway, Sarah Hicks, Mary Hampton, Tanya Nguyen, Gene Smith, Brent Daniels, Amanda Drinkwater, Eric Bowman. Also in attendance were Community Relations and Tourism Director James Kunke, Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, and MCL Grand Administrative Assistant Konni Cooper.

**Review and Approve Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Meeting**

**(Agenda Item 2)**

Board members reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Arts Advisory Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Sarah Hicks made the motion to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2020 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Eric Bowman and carried unanimously.

**Review, Discuss, and Approve Chin Sculpture Project Specs**

**(Agenda Item 3)**

The budget only lists \$90,000 as the total of \$100,000, but the budget takes into account a possible ten percent in other expenses such as finalist fees, installation fees and signage.

Discussion took place regarding the procedure for selecting an artist, focusing on either the steps used in the bench project or the Thrive project. The importance of utilizing input from the Chin community was stressed.

**MOTION:** Sarah Hicks made a motion to use a process by which the staff will solicit input from artists and members of the Chin community and narrow the entries to semi-finalists that will be presented to the Arts Advisory Board. The Board will determine finalists based on virtual or phone interviews, who will be asked to come to Lewisville or prepare a more specific online presentation to be selected to win the commission. Members of the Arts or Chin community would provide input, but no vote. The motion was seconded by Mary Hampton and passed unanimously.

**Old Town Murals**

**(Agenda Item 4)**

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The City has been approached by three property owners in Old Town who are interested in having a mural on one of their walls and have suggestions of an additional wall that may make a good mural location.

- a. 170 W. Main – New, brick, three-story building. This property owner is very interested and highly motivated to get a mural on to the westward facing side of the property of this building. If the property to the west at 190 W. Main St. is ever rebuilt, it may block a mural on the side of this building to a certain extent, although a breezeway could be created between the buildings allowing the mural to remain viable for pedestrians. Texas weather usually limits the lifetime of a mural to approximately four to six years and a reconstruction of the building at 190 W. Main is not confirmed or even in the works at this time, so the mural on 170 W. Main may not even last until a new building at 190 W. Main is possibly erected.
- b. 177 W. Main - Formerly Greer’s Barber Shop – This wall is visible today, but a new building beside it at 191 W. Main St. will eventually block it from the street. There will be a breezeway between these two properties, designed for pedestrian enjoyment so a mural would still be viable in this location. Whatever mural is

decided upon, preserving and including the current Greer's sign within the new design would be very important.

- c. 565 E. Church St. - The owner of a property at the east end of Church Street would like a "Welcome to Lewisville" mural painted on the side of the building. The fact that the building consists of ribbed metal may affect the design or options for adding a mural. Staff will do research if this property remains a contender for a mural location.

Alternative funding would be used for any of these murals, but the city wants the input of the Arts Advisory Board members about these projects. Amanda Drinkwater suggested that the mural on the metal building could be painted on another surface and attached to the building. That way it could be saved, even if the building was demolished.

No motion or next steps are required of the board at this time.

#### **MCL Grand Courtyard Plan/Renovation Ideas Discussion**

**(Agenda Item 5)**

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The city would like input from the Arts Advisory Board concerning the use of the MCL Grand courtyard. Although it was originally intended to be utilized as an event space, the layout of the courtyard prevents it from being used in that way. The space is not ADA compliant. The trees in the courtyard currently prevent the use of tents or other large set-ups for events. The City will be making significant updates and changes to the courtyard to correct the ADA compliance issues and will use this opportunity to make other changes and enhancements to this space, as well.

The city is considering ideas such as using the space as a sculpture garden, a landscaped garden, etc. One thing to keep in mind is that there can be no water feature in that space.

Wayne Ferguson Plaza has only been reserved as a private outdoor event space about a dozen times since it was built seven years ago. This may indicate that there isn't a demand for an outdoor venue space in Lewisville. Other considerations include the necessity of reserving the entire building if the courtyard were to be rented for a private event.

Any ideas from Board members need to be sent to Denise Helbing by January 22, 2021. The city manager will approve any final plans for the modification to the courtyard.

**Staff Report – Programming, Public Art, Other**

**(Agenda Item 6)**

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Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing presented the Staff Report- see attached.

A question was asked about older LISD students being able to showcase their work for a longer period of time this year. Due to the covid pandemic LISD middle and elementary school art works will not be shown, so high school student art will be on display longer. Amanda Drinkwater added that the district is trying to extend the time that high school art is exhibited to about a month, although the exhibition of these works have to be planned around other events for which the students need their art pieces.

**Adjournment**

**(Agenda Item 7)**

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