

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE

ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

January 10, 2023

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DENTON §

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

(Agenda Item 1)

Chairperson Sarah Hicks called a quorum at 5:31 p.m. Attendees were Board members Jennifer Austin, Jennifer Linde, Eric Bowman, Sarah Hicks, Christi Martin, Nicole Franczvai, and Michael Gortz. Also in attendance were Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, Administrative Assistant Konni Cooper, Arts Assistant Shannon Fernandez, and Parks and Recreation representative Christopher Chastain.

Review and Approve Minutes of the December 6, 2022 Meeting

(Agenda Item 2)

MOTION: Eric Bowman made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Christi Martin and passed unanimously.

Staff Report – Programming, Public Art Projects, Other Updates

(Agenda Item 3)

Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing presented the Staff Report and answered questions.

**Interviews* with Semi-Finalist Artists for the
Aviary-Inspired, Community Participation
Public Art Project**

***Artists participated in interviews virtually**

(Agenda Item 4)

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- a. 5:45 P.M. – Solomon Bassoff, Faducci Art
 - b. 6:30 P.M. – Melisa Gerecci Meyler
 - c. 7:15 P.M. – Peter Hazel

Following the interviews, the board discussed the presentations and selected the artist who will move forward with this project.

MOTION: Nicole Franczvai made a motion to select Peter Hazel as the artist for the Aviary-Inspired Public Art Project., with the following suggestions:

The community could vote online for four of their favorite birds for four of the birds being created, but the other four species would remain pre-selected by the artist (with the board approval). The "option list" could be limited to species with similar body types to help keep their fabrication more economical for the studio, unless the artist is open to one or two having a unique feature or shape.

They board would definitely like to go with a mosaic covered base, as the artist suggested, but would like details such as specific dimensions. They would like to know what the artist decides about extending the mosaic up on the base of the tree or not.

The board does not think the community needs to be involved with the glazing of the eight birds if we have the mosaic base element, so that will allow the artist to have more control of the results and also not have to travel with unfired glazed pieces.

The motion was seconded by Michael Gortz and passed unanimously.

**Make Recommendation for Finalist to Award
the “Aviary-Inspires, Community
Participation Public Art Project**

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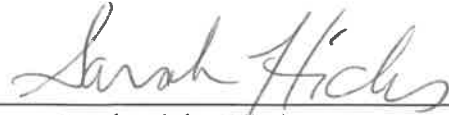
The motion was seconded by Michael Gortz and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item 6)

MOTION: Jennifer Linde made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Eric Bowman and passed unanimously.

APPROVED:



Sarah Hicks, Chairperson

PREPARED BY:



Konni Cooper
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