

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**

April 11, 2023

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Due to scheduling issues, the agenda was not followed in complete numerical order.

Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present

(Agenda Item 1)

Chairperson Sarah Hicks called a quorum at 5:30 p.m. Attendees were Board members Jennifer Austin, Michael Gortz, Jennifer Linde, Nicole Franczvai, and Christi Martin. Also in attendance were Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, Arts Administration Assistant Shannon Fernandez, and Administrative Assistant Konni Cooper.

Review and Approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Meeting

(Agenda Item 2)

Board members reviewed the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Arts Advisory Board meeting.

MOTION: Nicole Franczvai a motion to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Austin and passed unanimously.

**Introduction and Project Kick-Off
Discussion with Todd Bressi of Todd Bressi
and Associates for Public Art Master Plan
Update**

(Agenda Item 3)

Todd Bressi, of Todd Bressi and Associates, attended the meeting virtually. He introduced himself and his role in creating a new public art master plan for the city of Lewisville. See attached for the goals, methodologies, and outcomes/deliverables that Mr. Bressi outlined in the meeting. Mr. Bressi also asked the board for their thoughts and questions. The following points were mentioned:

- How do we determine if the board is on the same track as the community?
- Can we have more public participation in the creation of public art?
- How can we utilize more local resources and talent?
- How can we show the community that public art is important to Lewisville?
- How can we help the community understand that funding for the arts isn't being siphoned from other important city-funded departments and projects?
- How can we make the youth in Lewisville more aware of public art?
- How can we use public art to create an identity for Lewisville?
- How can we develop a cohesive vision, given the diversity in our city?
- How can we create public art that will be visible at all gateways to the city, and not just along IH-35?
- What role will art play in tying together Lewisville and Castle Hills?
- The Parks and Recreation Department has a goal of creating enough parks so that no one in the city will ever be more than a ten-minute walk from one of its parks. Can we do something similar with public art?
- Can we make LLELA more of a focus for public art?
- Can we make public art more interactive?
- Can we utilize public art to honor first responders and others?
- How can we expand public art beyond Old Town?
- How can we identify more opportunities for private and public art partnerships (especially with murals)?

Mr. Bressi asked the board to consider which was more important, fixing processes, or focusing on specific projects in the coming years. The board members expressed that both were important. Mr. Bressi also left the board with a list of "homework" questions.

- What projects have been most successful? Why?
- What projects have been least successful? Why?
- What aspects of the process are working well?
- What aspects of the process need to be improved?
- What areas outside of downtown need to be a priority?

**Chin Community Sculpture Fabrication
Update with Artist Madeline Wiener**

(Agenda Item 4)

Madeline Wiener attended the meeting virtually. She showed photos of the work at the current stage of fabrication and discussed the development of the piece. The piece is in the “roughing out” stage and does not contain many details yet. The board stressed the importance of showing traditional Chin textile patterns on the large piece, as well as the smaller bench seats. Ms Wiener answered questions about the sculpture from the board.

**Continue the Discussion of Public Art Work
Plan Ideas for FY24**

(Agenda Item 5)

See attached sheet regarding Agenda Item 5. Denise Helbing went over the suggested public arts projects with the amount of money estimated to complete each. The benches are on hold due to construction in the area, so they had to be removed from consideration. The following projects were selected for presentation to City Council:

- Recycled materials project for the Fleet Building/Fire Station #1
- Art for the Public Safety Building
- Metal cut-outs - a joint project with the Parks and Recreation Department
- A mural program development utilizing private partners

MOTION: Christi Martin made a motion to allow Denise Helbing to finalize a public art work plan memo for the next budget meeting, with the four projects mentioned above. Michael Gortz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Select Meeting Dates for Summer of 2023

(Agenda Item 6)

Following discussion, the board selected two summer meeting dates.

MOTION: Jennifer Austin made a motion to select July 24 and August 15 as the summer 2023 Arts Advisory Board meetings dates. The motion was seconded by Michael Gortz and passed unanimously.

**Member Reports on Attendance
to Any Grant Funded Programs**

(Agenda Item 7)

Michael Gortz and Sarah Hicks attended the LakeCities Ballet “First Look” dress rehearsal. Denise Helbing went to the *Sing Me a Story, Tell Me a Song* concert by the Lewisville Civic Chorale. She also attended a performance of *You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown* by Our Productions Theatre Company.

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

(Agenda Item 8)

Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing provided updates on current and pending public art projects and answered questions from board members.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item 9)

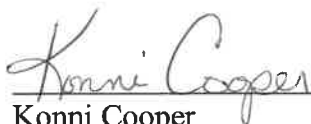
MOTION: Jennifer Linde made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Austin and carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Sarah Hicks, Chairperson

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