

**AGENDA
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

January 31, 2023 @ 4:00 PM
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Carolyn Gora	Bettye Middlebrooks	David J. Meo	Ward Three Vacant	William Taylor	Victor Dotres	Leila Mesdaghi
Molly Deckart				Ava Roeder		

**OSCAR M. CORBIN, JR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2200 SECOND STREET
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA**

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CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Roll Call

Public Comment

Regular Items

1. Approval of December 20, 2022, minutes.
2. Input from Councilmember Bochette, City Council Liaison, (Ward Four) on matters affecting City’s public art program
3. Update from Jose Parrilla, Parks & Beautification

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4. Uncommon Friends (Ward 4, Centennial Park East): Consideration of sponsorship proposals or, in absence thereof, implementation of resolution adopted in May, 2022 to deaccession water feature and sculptural components in Uncommon Friends reflection pool, vis: mother alligator and her five babies, mother manatee and calf, otters, 16 fish, four floating lily groupings that are piped as fountain heads and 12 frogs sitting on top rock protrusions, including adoption of resolution directing Public Art Consultant to prepare and file an Application for Certificate of Review with Historic Preservation Commission.

5. The Spirit of Fort Myers/Rachel at the Well (Ward 4): necessity of paying costs of conservation in advance of FEMA reimbursement and advisability of initiating fundraising campaign to cover costs; proposal for creation of 3D high-resolution art scan of sculpture by Lawrence Voytek to be installed as mirror image behind existing sculpture and promotional campaign attendant thereto.

6. Update on River Basin Mural Project (Ward 4): report on approval of River Basin Mural Project Agreement by CRA and payment of artists, materials and costs of installation; update on rendition and installation of murals, including timetable for repair of 7 stanchions and 2 obelisks damaged by surge associated with Hurricane Ian; update on preparation of artist bios, preparation and recording of scripts for Otocast audios and creation and installation of plaques containing Otocast QR Code.

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7. Buck's Backyard Mural Extension (Ward 2, McCollum Hall): Completion of 5-panel Buck's Backyard Mural extension by artists Eric Schlake, Roland Ruocco and J.P. Amonacid and payment of \$5,000 authorized and approved by Committee.
8. Buck's Backyard Mural Guidebook: Update on Guidebook for Buck's Backyard Mural.
9. Public Art Fund: Update on deposit into public art fund of public art fee mandated by Ordinance 118.7.6 with respect to Fire Station and other qualifying Capital Improvement Projects; consideration of other projects likely to result in additional contributions to public art fund.
10. Carmona Sculpture/Art Hub Concrete Pads: Status of Committee's engagement of outside civil engineer to prepare shop drawings for concrete pads and wind straps for Carmona sculptures.
11. USCT 2nd Regiment Monument (Ward 4, Centennial Park East): update on stucco repairs and repainting of wall following move to new location.
12. Symphony (Ward 5, Alliance for the Arts): Engagement of welder to attach sculpture to base.
13. The Knife Sharpener (Ward 2, Urban Community Farm): Engagement of welder to reattach foot and make other repairs to address damage caused by Hurricane Ian.
14. Cecilia Lueza & Journey of Hope (Ward 2, Intersection of MLK and Veronica S. Shoemaker Boulevards): status of Rosa Lowinger & Associate's pre-installation review of engineering submitted by artist for Journey of Hope

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- 15 Mickael Broth & Rise Above (Ward 1, Forum Park): update on commencement of construction of Phase 1 of Forum Park.
- 16 Stacked Brands (Ward 4, Fort Myers Regional Library): Conservation of Stacked Brands and proposal to repaint rather than conserve sculpture.
- 17 Parallel Park (Ward 4, Lee County Justice Center Parking Garage): City Attorney's counsel on Public Art Committee's rights and obligations under Interlocal Agreement with Lee County to mandate conservation or replacement of art panels.
- 18 Advertisement for Public Art Consultant: Advertisement for Public Art Consultant for term beginning June 1, 2023; term/duration of agreement; rate of compensation.
- 19 Determination of date and time of February PAC meeting.

Adjourn

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Minutes from Public Arts Committee

City of Fort Myers, Florida

December 20, 2023

The Public Arts Committee met on December 20, 2022 at the Oscar M Corbin, Jr City Council Chambers located at 2200 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida from 4 pm to 6:15 pm. Members present were: Leila Mesdaghi, Victor Dotres, Carolyn Gora, Betty Middlebrooks, David Meo, William Taylor, and Ava Roeder. Absent was Molly Deckart. In addition: Tom Hall, the public art consultant, Amanda Browning-Richardson, Assistant City Attorney, and Patricia Howell, recording secretary were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Leila Mesdaghi at 4:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Leila Mesdaghi.

Roll was called by the recording secretary, Patsy Howell.

Public Comment: None

1. November 15, 2022 minutes were approved by Ava Roeder and seconded by Victor Dotres. Passed 7-0.

3. Update from Joe Parrilla, Parks and Beautification – Everything is up and running except for Rachel at the Well, that will be sometime before the restoration work will be completed.

4. Discussion on adopting a land acknowledgement statement. (12:01) Leila Mesdaghi read various examples of a land acknowledgement statements. The committee discussed if this was the correct venue for this adapting a land acknowledgement statement. City Attorney, Grant Alley, read the outline for the mission statement of this committee and the oath the individual members took to be part of this committee. It was agreed to table this item because this may not be the correct venue for this statement.

5. Fire Dance update: Repainting completed. The invoice is at the city to be paid. The statue was painted with Kynar, a paint the does not fade. Care of Fire Dance will be updated in the City Manual.

Added comments on Uncommon Friends: It looks beautiful. Parks and Rec. has completed the cleaning of the artwork.

6. Spirit of Fort Myers/Rachel at the Well – Two proposals for repair of the statue were submitted - Rosa Lowinger & Associates and Ciociola Conversation. One proposal was submitted for over \$60,000 dollars the other one was for \$49,800 dollars. Rosa Lowinger & Associates sent in an amended proposal less than the \$50,000 dollar. A purchase order will be sent to the city awarding the repairs to Rosa Lowinger & Associates. The city will submit the purchase order to FEMA for reimbursement funds.

Motion to accept the proposal by Rosa Lowinger & Associates to complete the work on Rachel At the Well was made by Victor Dotres and seconded by Ava Roeder. Passed 7-0.

7. River Basin Mural Project update: Three groups are participating in this project; the PAC, CRA, and Fort Myers Mural Society. The CRA agreed to underwrite the project and is requesting a formal agreement spelling out the project. Thirty-two of the murals have been completed and turned in as of December 20, 2022. In total there are fifty-seven that need completing and some artists are completing additional paintings that will be due January 9, 2023. Within the next two weeks the installation project will begin. Images may be seen at 55.05 on Vimeo.

Motion to accept the agreement between the Fort Myers Mural Society, CRA, and this committee. In addition, the chairperson of this committee will sign off on this agreement on behalf of this committee was proposed by William Taylor and seconded by Victor Dotres. Approved 7-0.

Along with the paintings, there will be audio scripts broadcast on Otocast that will describe each painting. 25 scripts have been written. The CRA has agreed to underwrite the initial Otocast cost. Tom shared the footprint plans that details the location of each mural and the artist who completed the painting. He shared a key telling which painting belongs on which post. (as seen on 1:07. 59 Vimeo). The murals will be installed the beginning of next week, December 26, 2022. About 7 to 8 paintings should be installed each week.

8. Bucks Backyard Mural: There are 5 new murals to be completed to finish off the 17 existing panels. The agreement to fund this project is between CRA and this committee. If the Public Art Committee funds the Bucks Backyard Murals, then the CRA will underwrite the mural project.

9. Mural Guide book: Tom Hall is writing the guide book for the Buck's Backyard Mural. Tom is consulting with various experts in the community that are aware of the history of the Dunbar community. The

CRA is using the guidebook to help promote Buck's Backyard on their website. 12 of 17 panel's background story are completed.

10. Public Art Fund: The Public Arts Committee has not received funding from the construction of Fire Station 17. The City ordinance reads that 1% of the funding Project's Construction Budget be set aside for public arts. The money was supposed to be placed in the account at the time the permits were pulled. Tom Hall will be requesting help from Councilman Bochette to securing the funding for this committee. This week a contribution of \$75,000 was placed in the Public Arts funds from Campo Felice PUD. In addition, there should be the \$60,000 to \$64,000 due the Public Art Fund-stay tuned for additional information on the status of revenue in the Public Arts Fund account.

11. Public Art Hub Plan: This project is based on relocation of City Art pieces. 1. Unicycle Juggler – moved to Bay Street in front of Florida Repertory Theatre parking lot, 2. Snow Cone Vender – moved to SE corner of 1st and Henry by a new store, Scoops on First, 3. Music Lover moved to Edison Ford Winter Estate. 4. Nostalgia- will be placed in Forum Park, 5. Ward 6 pieces a. Nostalgic Tune on the Radion. Chess Players c. Domino Players. The Art Committee needs to find a location for the pieces. Land and lighting will need to be part of the agreement that to host area will need to be responsible for.

2. Councilman Bouchette report: He was advocating for funding for Art Fest. He will meet with the City Manager and discuss the funds for the Art Committee from ordinance 118.7.6 from the Fire Station 17. Councilman Bochette suggested having Mr. Weathers come speak to the committee, the new marketing director for the City of Ft Myers.

12. Art Hub Concrete Pads: Tom asked Carrie Baxter with Parks and Rec to do the paperwork to have Outside engineering create plans to complete the concrete pads that will go under the City artwork to keep them safe from storms.

13. Buckingham & Page Army Air Field Monument: The granite slabs were knocked over during Hurricane Ian. They have been reinstated and there is a small chip out of the corner of one of the monuments. But in the larger course of things, they are fixed.

14. USCT 2nd Regiment Monument—The stucco will be repaired and the background wall will be repainted now that the monument is moved to the new location.

15. Symphony – It fell off base in Hurricane Ian and will be spot welded to its base.

16. Knife Sharpener- He was stood up, but his foot needs welding; Tom is asking the same person who is welding Symphony to weld Knife Sharpener.

17. Journey of Hope – The final engineering drawings have been submitted. The gust of wind requirements have been met according to the engineering's drawings. The statue will be one viewed from passing automobiles. The plans have been sent to CRA for them to review. It is suggested Rosa Lowinger be paid \$750 to review the plans installation. See motion below.

18. Michael Broth & Rise Above: Phase 1 of the project has been approved.

19. Stacked Brands – This artwork was on loan to the county under an agreement between Lee County and City of Fort Myers. Tom is asking the city attorney to check into the obligation according to the agreement. Tom will try to find out more information for the next meeting.

20. Parallel Park/ Justice Center Garage: This artwork is also under an inter-local agreement be Lee County and the City of Fort Myers. Tom will be asking about the Public Arts Committee's rights and obligations of maintaining this project.

21. January and February 2023 meeting dates: No meeting on Jan. 17, but Jan 31st meeting at 4. Feb meeting will be Wednesday 22nd at 4:30.

MOTION: A motion to spend \$750.00 preview of the engineering of the Journey of Hope drawings by Rosa Lowinger and associates followed by a follow up site review of the project in the end. Motion made by Dotres and by Gora. Passed 5 to 0.

MOTION 2: A motion made to put a preview of the engineering for any project in the future to be in the master plan for any art work commissioned in the future. Bill Taylor made the motion, Dotres second. Passed 5 -0.

Motion to adjure by Dotres and second Gora. Agreed 5-0.