

Brian Darby, Member
Melissa Diorio, Member
Sharon McTernen, Vice Chairperson



Alicia Young, Chairperson

Stephanie Novak, Member
Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Member
Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, Member

**ROANOKE ART AND HISTORY TRAIL
COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR – COMMUNITY ROOM #102
500 S. OAK STREET
ROANOKE, TEXAS 76262**

Present: Chairperson Alicia Young; Vice Chairperson Sharon McTernen; Committee Members: Brian Darby, Melissa Diorio, Stephanie Novak, Elizabeth Ellenbecker, and Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood.

Dept. Staff: Library Director Kelly Holt and Curator of Collections Kelli Tomerson.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Art and History Trail Committee meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

No one wished to speak.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Stephanie Novak second by Sharon McTernen to approve the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on November 15, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff update on Roanoke route.

Library Director Kelly Holt stated Designer Matt Kaser closed out the Walking Tour Project sign project and fixed the few issues that needed to be addressed. Library Ms. Holt further stated she and Curator of Collections Kelli Tomerson will meet to scout specific locations for the placement of the site markers.



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Curator of Collections Kelli Tomerson stated the analytics show the QR code has been scanned 338 times during the month of December. Ms. Tomerson explained that with time, they will be able to see how many times the QR codes are being scanned/visited.

Library Director Kelly Holt stated the goal for 2024 is to plan a volunteer program where citizen historians can take a course or online learning platform to become experts in local history and this would help with staffing at the Roanoke Visitor Center Museum (RSVM).

2. Staff update on upcoming projects.

Curator of Collections Kelli Tomerson stated she has spoken to the new Parks Superintendent Daniel Dearborn, in regard to Austin Street Plaza. It was discussed the Parks department will be making updates to the landscaping, lighting, and irrigation in the future. Ms. Tomerson explained that maybe after the updates they can discuss the placement of possible selfie station or sculpture.

Staff asked for committee input as to which direction they preferred and parameters of what they would like.

The Art and History Trail Committee agreed to move in the direction of a sculpture and would like something more "art" and less "marketing" for the city. The committee discussed possible locations for different types of sculptures.

After much discussion, the committee decided to hold their next meeting (February 21, 2024) at the Roanoke Visitor Center Museum, at 5:30 p.m. During the course of the meeting, the committee will take a "field trip" to Austin Street Plaza to look at possible space and/or location for the placement of a sculpture. This will give a better idea of how much space is available and can determine the size of the sculpture.

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Stephanie Novak second by Sharon McTernen to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.


Alicia Young, Chairperson


Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, Secretary