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Sharon McTernan, Vice Chairperson



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**ROANOKE ART & HISTORY
TRAIL COMMITTEE AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
6:30 PM**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PUBLIC INPUT

This item is available for citizens to address the Art and History Trail Committee on any issues that are not the subject of a public hearing. No action by law may be taken on the topic. The presiding officer reserves the right to impose a time limit on this portion of the agenda. In order to provide the highest quality audio, all speakers need to speak at the podium.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Consideration and action of approval of the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on August 21, 2024.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on Current Art Projects

E. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice was posted at City Hall, 500 South Oak Street, Roanoke, Texas, on Thursday, September 12, 2024, by 5:00 pm, in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Alicia Young", is written over a horizontal line.



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ART & HISTORY TRAIL COMMITTEE
MEETING**

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April S. Hill, City Secretary

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Roanoke Art & History Trail Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Art & History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: 08/21/2024 - AHTC Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary

ITEM SUMMARY:

Consideration and action of approval of the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on August 21, 2024.

INFORMATION:**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:****SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:****FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:****ATTACHMENTS:**

1. AHTC Min 08-21-2024

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
AUGUST 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

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

Present: Chairperson Alicia Young; Vice Chairperson Sharon McTernen; Committee Members: Melissa Diorio, Elizabeth Ellenbecker, and Stephanie Novak.

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

Absent: Committee members Brian Darby and Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Art and History Trail Committee meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

No one wished to speak.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Melissa Diorio second by Sharon McTernen to approve the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and approval of Public Art Submissions.

Library Director Kelly Holt stated she liked submission #2 from Michele Spindle, which is a mosaic longhorn with a saddle in front, as this was the most interactive piece of artwork because you are invited to sit on the artwork. Library Director Holt further stated her dislikes on this artwork is the longhorn, because it is kind of



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generic and makes her think of Fort Worth. Another dislike was the lack of experience of the artist.

Library Director Holt stated she was excited about submission #4 by J. Muzacz, which was two sided and the shape with the actual location in mind, the amount of color, and it was a mosaic with the combination of modern pixilation technique with more freeform mosaic. Library Director Holt further stated she loved the artwork depicted in his portfolio. Library Director Holt stated her dislike was the actual content on the mural itself. However, Mr. Muzacz did state he is open to using different content and collaborating with local historians to find appropriate content.

Board members and staff continued discussions on submissions and decided to put submissions #2 and #3 to the side, as it does not fit the purpose of the artwork.

Board members agreed that music notes more represent the space. Board members continued to collaborate on possible ideas the artists could possibly do. Suggestions were made to keep the artwork more sculptural and/or mosaic.

Library Director Holt stated staff has discussed the possibility of replacing the images submitted for the mosaics. Library Director Holt and Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson suggested using an image of Bob Jones, who was a very well loved and respected figure in this area.

Board members and staff gave multiple options for images to use, without making too many modifications to the submissions. The board members discussed the possibility of using another location for the artwork.

Library Director Holt stated the timeline of completion does not look like it will be able to be completed this year. However, the money for the project can be transferred to next year's budget, to be utilized then. Library Director Holt further explained \$40,000 is a large amount of money and the project should be something that everyone is excited about, and should not be rushed.

After much discussion staff and board members agreed more research and discussion is needed.

Motion made by Stephanie Novak second by Sharon McTernen to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Stephanie Novak second by Melissa Diorio to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



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Alicia Young, Chairperson

Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Secretary



Roanoke Art & History Trail Committee **AGENDA ITEM**

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Report on Current Art Projects

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Visitor Center/Museum

ITEM SUMMARY:

City staff will present updates and answer questions regarding progress on the Austin Street Plaza project and future projects.

INFORMATION:

See attached files for report outline

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Select sculptor for a commissioned work in Austin Street Plaza and/or pursue a commissioned mosaic mural for another location by J. Muzacz. While the staff thinks an art walk project is a wonderful idea, they strongly feel that completing either Austin Street Plaza or a mural must take priority. They do not have sufficient time to devote to planning an art walk in addition to other projects.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Funds for FY 2023 -2024 (totaling \$87,000) have been moved to the budget for FY 2024-2025 to complete this and any other AHTC projects.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AHTC Staff Report September 2024

1. Austin Street Plaza Project

- Budget - The unused \$87,000 from last year's budget has been reallocated to this year's budget and is available to fund the completion of this and any other AHTC projects for next fiscal year.
- Artists - As the committee deemed none of the submitted designs as appropriate for Austin Street Plaza, city staff recommends selecting a sculptor and commissioning a work.
 - Rosset (dandelion submission) has been in contact to let us know about other recent projects (City of Coppell / Texas State Fair) and to express a desire to work with us on any site or design.
 - Places to browse or search for potential artists (also refer to Artist Directory List previously distributed):
 - Texas Society of Sculptors Website: <https://www.tsos.org/>
 - International Sculpture Center Website: <https://sculpture.org/search/custom.asp?id=5704>

2. J. Muzacz Mosaic Mural - Library Director Kelly Holt spoke to J. Muzacz in a video meeting this month and obtained the following information:

- The artist is highly interested in working with the city and has a wealth of experience in creating and installing public art.
 - He is open to any location, any themes, and any size at this time. He was very excited about the prospect of a Bob Jones piece paired with more contemporary photos of community events and faces
 - He recommends a wide space to create detailed portraits
 - He is willing to look at photos of locations and to provide feedback about viability and cost.
 - He has often invited the community to participate in the creation of his art by placing colored tiles in grids according to templates he provides. He also offers instructional classes on mosaics.
3. Art Walk - Staff feels strongly one of the above projects should be completed before beginning work on an art walk, though they believe the idea is consistent with the goal and objectives of this committee.

4. Other items for discussion:

- Priorities - What projects is the committee most interested in completing, and in what order?
- Call for Art - Staff has learned of several sites that could better publicize our future calls for art.
- Commissions - Could be a faster way to work & a better fit for a smaller town like Roanoke.
- The artist directory is being updated often, so please continue to send names our way.