

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

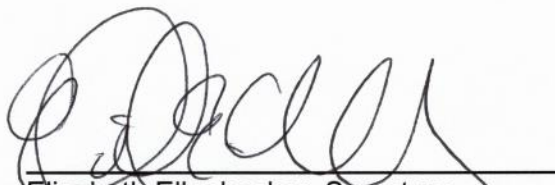
Motion made by Stephanie Novak second by Melissa Diorio to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



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Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Secretary
Alicia Young, Chairperson