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**ROANOKE ART & HISTORY
TRAIL COMMITTEE AGENDA
OCTOBER 16, 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

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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 September 18, 2024.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Project Updates
2. Discussion and recommendation on staggered terms of office.
3. Consideration and action to approve a commission for a sculpture for Austin Street Plaza by Pascale Pryor.
4. Consideration and action to approve a commission from J. Muzacz for a mosaic mural at the Roanoke Public Library.

E. ADJOURNMENT



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CERTIFICATION

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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: 09/18/2024 - AHTC Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 16, 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 September 18, 2024.

INFORMATION:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. AHTC Min 09-18-2024

Brian Darby, Member
Melissa Diorio, Member
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**ROANOKE ART AND HISTORY TRAIL
COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

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

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

Absent: Committee Member Stephanie Novak.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Art and History Trail Committee meeting was called to order at 6:34 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 August 21, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on current art projects.

Library Director Kelly Holt stated \$87,000 has been moved to the FY2025 budget. Ms. Holt stated the person who submitted the “dandelion” sculpture, reached out, saying he is very interested in working with the city.



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Ms. Holt explained, she has sent the committee a link to directories with protentional sculpturer's. Ms. Holt further explained a commission may be an easier way to go in the future, and discovered multiple sites that could be utilized for the call for artists. Ms. Holt stated the Texas Commission on the Arts website is a good site to use as well. Ms. Holt explained an artist, who had recently sent in a submission, advised hiring a consultant, if funds allowed. This would greatly assist in the process, as a whole.

Ms. Holt stated earlier this year Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson had learned of "Art Walks" and asked Ms. Thomerson to give an overview of the concept.

Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson explained for cities that do not have many art galleries, it would be a good idea to get as many businesses involved to showcase art in their building. This could possibly be held as a city event, with the help of the Special Events team. Ms. Thomerson stated there are a lot of things to consider, when putting this together.

Ms. Holt stated it would be nice to include public art in the art walk.

A committee member asked if it would be possible to attach the art walk to an existing event.

Ms. Thomerson stated that would require a lot of planning and working with the Special Events team.

Ms. Holt stated City Council has mentioned interest in having a multiday event. Ms. Holt further stated it is definitely something that can be discussed, but will require at least a year of planning in advance.

Ms. Holt asked what projects are the top priority. Ms. Holt stated she understands the intent of the committee is to get a sculptor placed in Austin Street Plaza, but the submissions were not quite right for the space. Ms. Holt asked the committee if they could give the names of some of the artists they liked and she would reach out to them to visit the site. Ms. Holt further asked if the committee prefers interactive, musical, etc.

Committee members discussed their preferences, such as:

- Does not obstruct view
- Contemporary
- Artistic
- Tall
- Possibly colorful

Committee Member Brian Darby asked it has been determined where the Christmas tree will be relocated to.



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Ms. Thomerson stated they plan to move it to the side of the original location.

A committee member stated she really liked the submission from artist Pascale Pryor. The committee member recommended having an engineer, have someone look at the site, make sure they are insured, and make sure the artist is paid adequately, to compensate them for their cost of supplies and time.

After much discussion, Ms. Holt stated she would reach out to Pascale Pryor and see if she would be interested in the project and have any ideas of what the possibilities would be for the artwork.

Committee members asked that staff reach out to consultants.

Committee members and staff discussed changing the bylaws to stagger the terms of committee members for the purpose of continuity.

Committee members asked if mid-month meetings would be possible.

Ms. Holt explained that any meeting held has to be public, and therefore posted in accordance with State law. Ms. Holt further explained that committee members can request items to discuss and staff can place it on future agendas.

Committee members discussed different possibilities of artwork.

Ms. Thomerson confirmed the next meeting will be held on October 16, 2024.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Sharon McTernen second by Elizabeth Ellenbecker to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alicia Young, Chairperson

Sharon McTernen, Secretary



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

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Project Updates

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Visitor Center/Museum

ITEM SUMMARY:

City Staff and committee members will present information about current projects

INFORMATION:

- Elizabeth Ellenbecker will report on her contact with Pascale Pryor
- Kelly Holt will report on a potential library project with J. Muzacz
- Kelli Thomerson will report on Roanoke Route

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

n/a

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

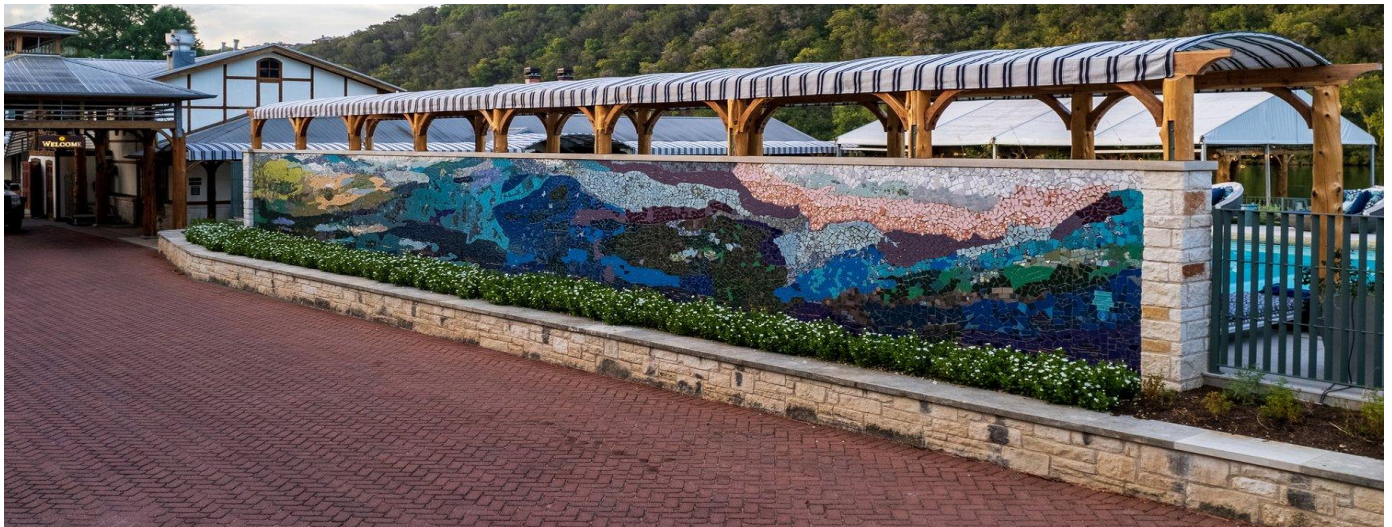
1. AHTC Library Public Art Proposal

Public Art for the Library - Mosaic Mural by J Muzacz

Project Summary:

J. Muzacz is an Austin-based mosaic muralist who works from real photographs to create pixelated mosaic murals that often feature celebrations of the diversity in a community. In many of his projects, he invites community members to help place the tiles of the final pieces and offers art education classes about the process.

Below are photos of previous projects.



The library would like to commission a mosaic mural celebrating Roanoke's unique community spirit from J. Muzacz for our building.

Library & Museum Director Kelly Holt has discussed the project with the artist at length. The mural would be located inside the library in a space that is approximately 32 feet wide and 6 feet tall and located below the ceiling on the south wall (see photo below). The artist is open to any subject matter, and the AHTC committee could certainly provide input on what they would like to see. Subjects already discussed include a Bob or Almeda Jones portrait, contemporary images from community events, or Texas flora and fauna.

The mural would be located on an empty 36' wall near the south side of the library (see photo below).



Budget

The project would cost approximately **\$36,000.00**. Library Director Kelly Holt has already secured a private donation of **\$20,000.00** to fund a portion of the project, and asks the AHTC to consider funding the remaining **\$16,000.00**.

Timeline

Preliminary design drawing should be ready for consideration by January 2025, and installation, August 2025.



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

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Discussion of Staggered Terms

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Visitor Center/Museum

ITEM SUMMARY:

Discussion and recommendation on staggered terms of office.

INFORMATION:

Committee Members will discuss how to stagger terms to provide continuity for the committee, which will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

Proposed bylaw changes are quoted below:

*The members of the Committee shall serve **staggered three (3) year terms**. Thereafter, each successive member of the Committee shall be appointed and serve for three (3) years or until a successor is appointed as hereinafter provided. All affected terms begin and expire in August of the applicable year. Not more than three (3) City council members may serve on the Committee at any one time.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends having interested members reapply for appointment, with initial shorter terms, i.e. - 2 expiring in August 2025, 2 in August 2026, and 2 in August 2027.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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

TO: Art and History Trail Committee

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Pascale Commission

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Visitor Center/Museum

ITEM SUMMARY:

Consideration and action to approve a commission for a sculpture for Austin Street Plaza by Pascale Pryor.

INFORMATION:

Elizabeth Ellenbecker has presented information about this artist in the Project Updates agenda item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the committee members consider information presented earlier and make a determination if Pryor's ideas and past work make her a viable artist to design, fabricate, and install a sculpture in Austin Street Plaza.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

n/a

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The total funds available at this point are \$87,000.00

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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

TO: Art and History Trail Committee Members

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Muzacz Commission

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Library

ITEM SUMMARY:

Consideration and action to approve a commission from J. Muzacz for a mosaic mural at the Roanoke Public Library.

INFORMATION:

Kelly Holt presented information about this project in the Project Updates agenda item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:

Taking the private donor's offer to fund a portion of the project would allow the committee to stretch its budget, provide the committee with opportunities to involve the community in public art project, and provide some much needed color to the library building.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The total cost of the project would be around \$36,000, but Library and Museum Director Kelly Holt has secured a commitment from a private donor to provide \$20,000.00, which would mean AHTC would devote **\$16,000** of its \$87,000.00 budget for this year.

ATTACHMENTS:

None