

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
OCTOBER 16, 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: Brian Darby, Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, and Elizabeth Ellenbecker.

Dept. Staff: Library Director Kelly Holt.

Absent: Committee Members: Stephanie Novak, and Melissa Diorio; Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Art and History Trail Committee meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

Pascale Pryor, a local artist, spoke about her interest in the Austin Street Plaza project. Ms. Pryor came to listen to staff to get a better understanding of what the city would like in the space

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Elizabeth Ellenbecker second by Sharon McTernen to approve the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on September 18, 2024.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on current art projects.

Library Director Kelly Holt K. Holt updated members about the Austin Street Plaza project. Ms. Holt stated she has spoken with a local artist Jessica Bell, who has



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expressed interest in the Austin Street project. Ms. Bell will present ideas formally at the November 20, 2024 Art and History Trail Committee meeting.

Ms. Holt reiterated project goals:

- To provide art that is vibrant, colorful, interactive and invites people to engage with the sculpture.
- Artwork that does not obstruct view of stage
- Artwork having a contemporary and modern feel, instead of a traditional bronze sculpture.

Committee member Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood stated the artwork could be musical themed, but should not be "musical notes", or nothing too literal.

Committee member Sharon McTernen stated it was discussed the possibility of a "selfie station", but not a traditional one, rather something people can take a picture in front of.

Committee member Elizabeth Ellenbecker updated members about her conversation with Pascale Pryor, who will also present ideas for the Austin Street Plaza project at the November 20, 2024 Art and History Trail Committee meeting. Ellenbecker asked Pryor to speak more about her process using colored glass.

Ms. Holt presented information about her conversation with artist J. Muzacz in which they discussed a mosaic glass tile mural for the library. She presented images of the proposed location and of Muzacz's previous work. She provided a sample of the materials that would be used. Ms. Holt noted that she has already secured \$20,000 from a private donor and would need an additional \$16,000 to complete the project.

Ms. Holt asked the committee members for suggestions on a theme for the mosaic glass mural for the library.

Committee member Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood suggested a nature scene.

Committee member Elizabeth Ellenbecker agreed an abstract landscape would be a good option.

2. Discussion and recommendation on staggered terms of office.

Committee members discussed why it would be beneficial for continuity to stagger the terms of office. The committee members were in agreement, to recommend a staggered terms revision to the Art and History Trail Committee bylaws. Library Director Kelly Holt stated she would notify City Secretary April Hill, to work with the



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city attorney, crafting language in the bylaws to be presented to City Council for approval.

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

Committee members agreed to table this item until the committee hears a formal presentation.

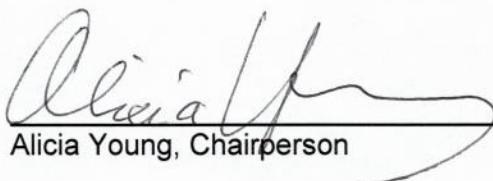
4. Motion made by Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood second by Sharon McTernen to approve, committing \$16,000 of the budgeted amount, to a commission from J. Muzacz for a mosaic mural at the Roanoke Public Library.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried unanimously.


Sharon McTernen, Secretary
Alicia Young, Chairperson