

Brian Darby, Member
Heather Ales, Member
Melissa Diorio, Member
Sarah Singer, Secretary
Stephanie Novak,, Vice Chairperson



Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, Chairperson

Alicia Young, Member
Ryan Wilhite, Member
Angie Grimm, Member
Sharon McTernan, Member
Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Member

**ROANOKE ART AND HISTORY TRAIL
COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

**ROANOKE CITY HALL
1ST FLOOR – COMMUNITY ROOM #132
500 S. OAK STREET
ROANOKE, TEXAS 76262**

Present: Chairperson Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood; Vice Chairperson Stephanie Novak;
Committee Members: Sarah Singer, Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Sharon McTernan,
Brian Darby, Ryan Wilhite, and Melissa Diorio.

Dept. Staff: Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson.

Absent: Committee Members: Angie Grimm, Heather Ales, and Alicia Young.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

Michael Gurnell, addressed the Art and History Trail Committee, stating he would like to provide images in City Hall. Mr. Gurnell further stated he was scheduled to meet with City Hall staff in 2020 to move forward with possible placement of his artwork in City Hall. Unfortunately, COVID halted this process.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Sarah Singer second by Ryan Wilhite to approve the minutes from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on December 8, 2022.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on replacing a supplemental request for historical signage along Oak Street.

Curator Kelli Thomerson gave an overview of the original intent of the supplemental budget request for historical signage, and explained it can be



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reallocated for a different project with City Council approval. Ms. Thomerson further stated the funds could be used for Utility Box wraps, as was done in the City of Hurst.

Chairperson Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood asked what type of art was used for the utility box wraps.

Ms. Thomerson stated they used art that was submitted online, which over 60 submissions were received.

Committee member Brian Darby asked, based on the anticipated cost of utility box wraps, is there an anticipated balance to use for another project.

Ms. Thomerson stated the City of Hurst spent around \$1,000 for each utility box wrap; this did not include the honorarium to the artists, which is commonly around \$250 per artist. Ms. Thomerson explained that she is currently working with the Roanoke Public Works department to get a list of utility boxes located within the city. Ms. Thomerson further stated it would be 2 months for call to artists, and then the Art and History Trail Committee would choose which displays they would like to use, and at which utility box.

After much discussion on the use of the budgeted funds, the consensus is to table until the next meeting.

Motion made by Stephanie Novak second by Sharon McTernen to table this item until the January 26, 2023 Art and History Trail Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and action on the Public Arts Master Design Plan Vision Statement.

After much discussion, the Art and History Trail Committee presented the final mission statement:

"For Roanoke to be experienced as a community that celebrates the Arts. The Roanoke Art and History Trail Committee will provide thoughtfully planned art that creates welcoming gathering spaces, drives the expansion of tourism and economic development, all with a nod to the historical significance of the City of Roanoke."

Motion made by Sharon McTernen second by Elizabeth Ellenbecker to approve the final vision statement as written.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. ADJOURNMENT



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Motion made by Ryan Wilhite second by Melissa Diorio to adjourn the meeting at
7:45 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.



Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, Chairperson

for 

Sarah Singer, Secretary
Brian Darby