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Sharon McTernen, Member
Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Member

**ROANOKE ART AND HISTORY TRAIL
COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 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: Alicia Young, Elizabeth Ellenbecker, Sharon McTernen,
Brian Darby, and Melissa Diorio.

Dept. Staff: Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson.

Absent: Committee member Ryan Wilhite (resigned seat).

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson, informed the Art and History Trail Committee
Sarah Singer has resigned.

B. PUBLIC INPUT

No one wished to speak.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Melissa Diorio second by Alicia Young to approve the minutes
from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on January 26,
2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Melissa Diorio second by Alicia Young to approve the minutes
from the regular Art and History Trail Committee meeting held on February 9, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.



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D. OLD BUSINESS

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

Curator of Collections Kelli Thomerson gave an overview of the proposal of the walking trail map with available options.

After much discussion, the consensus of the committee is to hold off on the train, to be used later for a pocket park, and move forward on a more simplistic map.

Motion made by Elizabeth Ellenbecker second by Sharon McTernen to approve the use of current funding for the preliminary walking tour signage map.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and action on approval of goals for the Art and History Trail Committee.

Goals

1. Provide an opportunity for public art and artistic expression within the community;
2. Allow public art as a vehicle to express the City's history and cultural heritage;
3. Strengthen the community's sense of spirit, pride and community values;
4. Generate cultural tourism and create economic impact;
5. Utilize resources efficiently and provide for sustainability;
6. Enhance community identity and pride;
7. Provide the highest quality artwork available, promoting excellence and demonstrating diversity and variety of media;
8. Increase public exhibition opportunities for artists who live or work in and around Roanoke;
9. Encourage public participation and interactions with public spaces;
10. Enrich the public environment for both residents and visitors through incorporation of the arts; and
11. Strive for diversity, reflecting the social, ethnic and cultural fabric of the city.

Motion made by Melissa Diorio second by Alicia Young to approve the goals for the Art and History Trail Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion on possible selfie stations.

After much discussion, the consensus of the Art and History Trail Committee is to move forward with selfie stations as a short-term project.



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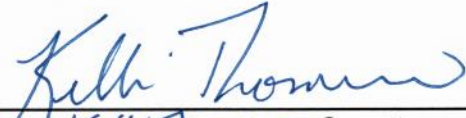
3. Discussion on possible city entrance signage.

After much discussion, the consensus of the Art and History Trail Committee on the possible city entrance signage will be a medium to long-term project.

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Melissa Diorio second by Elizabeth Ellenbecker to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Kelli Thomson Secretary



Tracie Merchant-Leatherwood, Chairperson