

MEETING MINUTES
FRANKLIN PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, November 6, 2018 @ 2:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Ellie Westman Chin, Chair P
Julie Garland P
Ashley Roberts A
Gary Vogrin P
Nan Zierden P
Shari Fox P
Alderman Brandy Blanton P
Kelly Harwood P

Employees Present

Eric Stuckey, City Administrator
Vernon Gerth, ACA/Community & Economic Dev
Monique McCullough, Public Outreach Specialist
Angela Jackson, Administrative Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Ellie Westman Chin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2, 2018

Ms. Shari Fox made a motion to approve the October 2, 2018 minutes. Mr. Gary Vogrin seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

Ms. Chin asked if two items could be moved up on the agenda to accommodate the schedule of City Administrator Eric Stuckey who had a previous engagement but wanted to be present for the Make-A-Wish and Fuller Story presentations. There were no objections.

3. MAKE-A-WISH PROGRAM

Presentation given by Maggie Schwartz with Make-A-Wish of Middle Tennessee.

The Make-A-Wish program grants wishes to children diagnosed with a critical illness. The Middle Tennessee chapter has set a goal to grant at least 175 wishes in 2019 throughout the middle Tennessee area. The new "Summer of Wishes" program was developed by the Make a Wish Foundation to raise funds by getting local businesses and organizations to sponsor benches. These unfinished benches will be painted and placed at various locations throughout the City of Franklin. The Foundation is asking the sponsors to pick their artist and complete the paperwork with sketches by the end of January, so a formal proposal could be made by the Foundation to the FPAC in the February 2019 meeting. The exhibit of the benches will be June 2019 thru

August 2019. At the end of the summer, the benches will be auctioned off. Twenty benches will be sold in the Williamson County area.

4. DISCUSSION OF A “FULLER STORY” PROJECT

Presentation given by Pastor Keven Riggs.

- A group of local pastors are working together to develop four markers that will be placed in Downtown Franklin, each highlighting a key event in the history of Franklin.
- The intent is to tell a more complete history of African Americans during the Civil War and Reconstruction Era in Franklin.
- Project has received support from many organizations and entities, including BOMA, Williamson County, Heritage Foundation, Battlefield Preservation Commission, Historic Zoning Commission, Save the Franklin Battlefield, and Franklin’s Charge.
- The project also includes a bronze statue of a U.S. Colored Troop Soldier.
- The bronze statue will be on a low pedestal and no more than 8-ft tall.
- Group is currently raising money for the statue and working on where it will be placed.

The markers, which may be placed in June 2019, will not need input or approval from FPAC. The statue will come before the Commission seeking their recommendation of approval to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

5. Proposal by Edward Belbusti

Mr. Belbusti presented information on his sculpture.

- 10½ ft X 9 ft steel sculpture is currently located on the O’More campus in Downtown Franklin
- Since the campus has been sold, the sculpture will need to be moved.
- Artist has no site in mind for the location
- The sculpture will be on loan until it sells
- Artist does not want the piece on private property unless the private property owner purchases the piece
- The weight of the sculpture is 2000 pounds
- The sale price of the sculpture is \$40,000.00

Ms. Zierden stated that they should work on an “On Loan Agreement” for art pieces that are loaned to the City and/or are still for sale.

The Commission deferred voting on the installation until more research is done on possible locations. Staff would meet with Parks Department to see if there is any interest in placing in one of the City’s parks. Mr. Gerth suggested the artist should also have input on where the sculpture should be placed.

6. WILLIAMSON COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU PROPOSAL

Megan Weisinger with the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Janel Maher, Artist, presented the “Midnight Sun Scavenger Hunt”

Ms. Weisinger gave a general overview of the Midnight Sun Scavenger Hunt.

- Target launch is March 2019
- Install permanent miniature bronze horses in January & February
- Statues will be placed where they are visible but out of pedestrian traffic
- All the sites chosen (historical sites, public and private sites) have a historical significant
 - Harpeth National Bank – The Visitors Center (propped on wedge of a wall)
 - The McPhail Cliffe Office (Window)
 - The Green House on Second Ave S
 - The Factory
 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 - The Carter House
 - Dan German Hospital
 - The Landmark Booksellers
 - Shuff's Music
 - The Park of Harlinsdale Farm
- The ongoing maintenance of the statues will be responsibility of the Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Brochures of the Midnight Sun Scavenger Hunt will be available at the Visitors Center and other locations

Ms. Julie Garland made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, pending approval from the Historic Zoning Commission. Alderman Blanton seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Members Shari Fox and Julie Garland are up for reappointment. Mayor Ken Moore will meet with a potential replacement for Kelly Selfe. Reappointment and possible new appointment will occur at December 8th Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Alderman Brandy Blanton made a motion to adjourn MEETING. Julie Garland seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Ellie Westman Chin, Chair

Minutes prepared by Angela Jackson, City Administrator's Office.