



DRAFT MINUTES

March 12, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room, Upper Level

Lafayette Public Library, 775 West Baseline Road

Present: Melissa Fathman (Vice-Chair), Pamela Sherrick (Treasurer), Alan Crandall, Stacey Bernstein (LCAC), Ashley Dzilvelis, Tif Choate, Staci Lupberger (City Council Liaison), Susan Booker (City Liaison)

Absent: Laura Mays (Chair), Sandy Bonel (Secretary)

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Public Participation:** None
- 3. Minutes of January 8, 2014, Meeting:** Pam moved to approve the minutes. Tif seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4. Update "Surveying our Future" (SOF):** Booker apprised the Committee that she should have more complete information on a private donation/purchase of SOF by a single donor at the May meeting as negotiations for the purchase are underway. Booker suggested inviting the Mellblom family to the April PAC meeting to start a conversation about how funds they and others have donated for SOF and its medallions could be used for another piece of public art that would add to Lafayette's permanent collection. Their donations could be used to purchase artwork such as a commissioned statue of the town founder, Mary Miller. Several Committee members felt the new artwork should have a city-centric, historical component like the medallions that were planned for SOF. A Call for Artists could be sent out for a commissioned historical artwork. If anyone has additional ideas email them to Booker. It was also suggested that brochures for both the 2013 and 2014 AOTS programs should be available at the April meeting to discuss a possible purchase from those artworks. Booker confirmed that the artist for SOF is glad the piece will finally be fully funded and built; and Committee members agreed the single donation for SOF would provide greater opportunities for adding to Lafayette's Public Art program. Booker noted that the SOF medallions that have already been purchased by the PAC could be displayed elsewhere in the City, or incorporated into a commissioned work honoring Jean Mellblom.
- 5. Treasurer's Report - 2014 Budget:** Booker presented the 2014 Public Art Committee Proposed Budget, which is approximately \$61,000 (see attachment). She said the new City



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Finance Director, Wade Nickerson, and Assistant City Administrator, Phillip Paterson, advised her that the additional \$25,000 designated for Public Art in 2014 from the City General Fund cannot be carried over into 2015. The designated funds must be spent in 2014 or they will return to the General Fund the following year. This is the first year that PAC has been in this position and will require planning how funds not spent on Art on the Street or other projects might be spent prior to yearend. Booker reviewed the proposed budget that takes this into account.

A short discussion was held on possibly planning for additions to the 2015 AOTS by building additional pedestals in 2014, hiring a professional caterer for the See & Respond! 2014 event, and maintenance and restoration work in 2014 on artwork in the permanent collection. Hiring an on-site automotive painter to refinish Toros Curiosos was discussed (suggested by the artist, Christopher Weed), as well as restoring the finish on Within Your Reach. Booker noted that the towns-woman move and restoration of the library mural are being paid for from other department budgets. Also, the artist for Whimsy, Mike Davis, is working on a plan to repair the recent wind damage to the piece. Carabineer clips with stronger hardware are a possibility, and clear plastic tubing on the chains was suggested. An increase to the artists' stipends for participating in AOTS was briefly reviewed, although the consensus was Lafayette is offering an amount comparable to other cities in Colorado. The Committee briefly discussed the differences between the PAC and LCAC budgets and the interactions between the two groups.

A question was raised about the 2013 donation of \$2,500 for maintenance of April Charm as to whether or not it was credited to the PAC budget. Booker will check on this and respond to the Committee.

Booker also noted that in the future, the PAC should plan on at least a \$25,000 General Fund request each year. For future large-scale projects, a request should be submitted for the entire amount for a specific year (with possible matching funds from other donations through ARTS!Lafayette). The Committee agreed the 2014 Public Art Committee Proposed Budget is a good start, particularly the budgets for AOTS and See & Respond, and that the 2014 Budget should be an Action item at each Committee meeting. There may be small modifications to the final 2014 Public Art Committee budget following the Finance Department's closeout of financial statements for 2013. City Council will then approve carry over funds from 2013 to 2014.

- 6. Status Report on 2014 Art on the Street:** Booker said that 3/31 the Public Works crew will be assisting with moves and installs from 8 am to 3 pm. Prior to that date, she's heard that Frontier: Cowboy will be "yarn-bombed" on 3/22.



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Booker asked the Committee to consider leaving one of the 2013 AOTS pieces in place, *Waiting for the Bus*. She said that no other artwork could be sited in the same location in Festival Plaza this year because of the installation of new permanent tables with umbrellas and chairs. After discussion, the Committee agreed that *Waiting for the Bus* may remain in place for a yet-to-be-specified period of time as a potential sale to the Senior Center is pending. The PAC asked Booker to speak with the artist, Lucas Loeffler, about the possibility of moving the statue in the near future if the Senior Center commits to installment payments for the piece.

Booker informed the Committee that Gerry Stecca made an offer for PAC to purchase *Tree Wrap V* from him at a discounted price of \$1,000. The Committee decided not to accept the offer at this time. A removal date for this piece has not been scheduled; so the Committee has more time to make a decision. The ephemeral nature of the piece was brought up, and Booker said the artist told her that similar pieces have been in place with very little deterioration over several years. The Committee discussed the importance of having new, interesting artwork in Festival Plaza each year. Moving one of the permanent collection pieces now in Festival Plaza, *Sky Dancer*, was suggested as a possibility for the 2015 AOTS program.

Booker suggested that the AOTS: See & Respond! Committee to pick a late July or early August date for the Meet the Artists/See & Respond! reception. She will send out a Doodle schedule invitation soon for the next subcommittee meeting.

7. **Joint Retreat in April or May:** Booker sent out a Doodle schedule invitation to LCAC and PAC members today with possible dates for the retreat in May.
8. **Monthly Calendar Review:** The Lafayette Quasquicentennial has been added to the calendar, with a celebration planned for the last Art Night Out on September 19. Booker is leading efforts for that event, and she said that individual City Departments will most likely embellish existing events or projects for the celebration.
9. **Agenda Format Discussion:** LCAC has decided to remove “Reports” as an agenda item for their meetings and to make separate agenda line items for topics previously lumped together under Reports (such as the Treasurer’s Report, the City Council Liaison report, ARTS!Lafayette). The PAC agreed to make a similar agenda format change.



Chair: Melissa had nothing additional to report.

City Council Liaison: Staci Lupberger said the City Council is reviewing a new Energy Sustainability Plan, an Urban Renewal Community Center concept, and a possible satellite Library on Public Road.

Staff: Booker had nothing additional to report.

Treasurer: Pam had nothing additional to report.

LCAC: Stacey told the PAC that the LCAC has become a more diverse group and added four new members, which brings the Commission to full membership. She noted that Gustavo Reyna is the new City Council Liaison for LCAC.

ARTS!Lafayette: Alan said the nonprofit has also diversified and added new members. The group is currently gearing up for the 2014 ANO beer gardens.

11. Next Meeting: April 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room, Upper Level of Library.

12. Adjournment: Pam made a motion to adjourn. Melissa seconded the motion. The motion was approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Melissa Fathman, Vice-Chair

Pam Sherrick, Acting Secretary



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