

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

Minutes

On July 8, 2019, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 4:30 pm in City Hall at 601 S. Buchanan Street, Room 306 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	TOTAL ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS
Jason Boyett	Y	18	18
Jacob Breeden	Y	17	18
Rhonda Dittfurth	Y	4	4
Beth Duke	Y	16	18
Sonja Gross	Y	14	18
Angela Knapp Eggers	Y	16	18
Eddy Sauer	Y	14	18
Kelley Sims	Y	12	18
Andi Wardlaw	Y	16	18

Also in attendance were:

Sherman Bass           Amarillo Civic Center Complex General Manager  
Courtney White       Assistant City Attorney  
Melinda Landry       Amarillo Civic Center Complex Event Manager

**ITEM 1.        Call to Order and Announcements.** Chair Jason Boyett called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

**ITEM 2.        Discuss and Consider Minutes**  
Angela Knapp Eggers motioned to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting and Sonja Gross seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ms. Gross asked for a correction on the minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting, stating that Rhonda Dittfurth’s “Total Meetings” count should be adjusted to reflect the date she joined the board. With this change, Ms. Dittfurth motioned to approve the minutes and Andi Wardlaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3.        Discuss and Consider Beautification Projects**  
Committee members followed up on the driving assignments created in the last regular meeting. Ms. Gross stated the area to the west of North Hughes had around 25 trees that were in need of removal. Ms. Knapp Eggers provided a packet of photos she took of trees in the area to the east of North Hughes, which

included over 25 pictures of trees in need of removal or remediation. Ms. Wardlaw counted approximately 13 trees in the Amarillo BLVD area, and stated most trees found there are “volunteer trees” crowded around existing trees. Kelley Sims covered the same area and noted it was primarily commercial and had very few trees, aside from overgrowth. Jacob Breeden stated that the area directly around Bowie Middle School and Dick Bivins Stadium was mostly commercial, but the surrounding area included approximately 35 trees in need of removal. Ms. Dittfurth reviewed the south side of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and found about 30 trees in need of removal or remediation. Chair Boyett provided a count of approximately 30 trees that were dead, partially dead or reduced to stumps. Sherman Bass visited the area west of the Fairgrounds and found 40 trees in need of trimming, 10 that needed complete removal, and 6 in need of rehabilitation. The committee discussed concerns about the potential upkeep required, those who would benefit from the program, and the desire to ensure consideration is given to owner occupied properties if the proposed program is implemented.

Ideas were discussed about some sort of project for 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, including trees, planters, and lights. Mr. Breeden suggested that an alternative project could be a beautification initiative similar in structure to the mural project, with neighborhood groups or programs. Groups would propose beautification projects of importance or necessary to their respective areas, submit proposals to the board, and receiving partial funding from the board in order to implement these improvements. Mr. Sims stated that he has seen success from neighborhood gateway projects in some parts of town, such as Westcliff. Ms. Wardlaw believes we should use the initial funding for us to do our own pilot project similar to the way we did the airport mural. Then incorporate Mr. Breeden’s idea for a matching grant program in the future. He asked the committee to consider the options discussed in order to make a decision made at the next meeting.

**ITEM 4. Discuss and Consider Master Plan**

Mr. Bass presented the Board’s priority list broken into three groups: Projects, Administration, and Code/Ordinance. Mr. Sims and Ms. Wardlaw will contribute to the Code/Ordinance rewrites. Parks has not firmed up the process for their master plan, but our Board will be involved. Mr. Bass requested that committee members review the priority list and email him with additional feedback.

**ITEM 5. Public Forum. No citizens were present.**

**ITEM 6. Consider Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date and time.**

The board discussed and agreed to change the standard meeting day and time.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at 4:00 pm.

Future Agenda items to include:

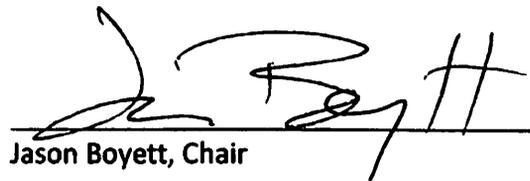
- Hoodoo Art Project, presented by Beth Duke
- Mural Project Updates, presented by Mr. Breeden

**ITEM 7. Adjourn. Chair Boyett adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.**

ATTEST:



Sherman Bass, Secretary



Jason Boyett, Chair