

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

Minutes

On January 9, 2020, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:45 am in City Hall at 601 S. Buchanan Street, Room 305 for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	TOTAL ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS
Jason Boyett	Y	23	23
Rhonda Dittfurth	N	8	9
Beth Duke	Y	19	23
Angela Knapp Eggers	N	20	23
Eddy Sauer	Y	18	23
Kelley Sims	N	14	23
Andi Wardlaw	Y	21	23
Denise Chesnut	Y	1	1

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 11:53 am. The board welcomed new member Denise Chesnut and provided introductions. No other announcements were made.

Item 2.        **Public Forum.** No members of the public spoke.

Item 3.        **Discuss and Consider Minutes.** Chair Boyett asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the meeting on 12/11/19. Andi Wardlaw motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Eddy Sauer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4.        **Discuss and Consider the Election of Officers.** Chair Boyett informed the board that the role of Vice Chair was vacant. He also stated that his initial term had come to a close and was therefore in need of election as well. He offered the board the opportunity to nominate for either position. After discussion, Beth Duke nominated Ms. Wardlaw as Vice Chair and Chair Boyett as Chair for another term. Councilmember Sauer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Item 5. **Mural Grant Program Update.** Sherman Bass let the board know that the Mural Grant Program paperwork was approved and is ready for posting. The forms will be posted online in the next week and ready for the program launch on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Bass let the board know that one application was received already and is being held onto until the launch date. If the application needs to be redone, he will contact the applicant directly. Chair Boyett asked Mr. Bass to send an email to the board members once the forms are available, and Mr. Bass offered to send everyone a direct link so it can be shared easily. Denise Chesnut asked for a brief overview of the program, which was provided by Chair Boyett. Mr. Bass also let everyone know that last year's program yielded six murals and five applications. Mrs. Wardlaw also pointed out the additional murals that have been added all throughout the city since the original program launch.

Item 6. **Discuss and Consider Beautification Projects.** Chair Boyett gave a brief overview of the beautification project progress to date. Ms. Wardlaw provided examples of gabion cage art for the board to review and consider. She stated that this style of art is often used for commercial walls, sculptures, and more. Cages can be filled with rocks, glass, and sometimes even glass that looks like rocks. In hopes of obtaining good estimates the board could use moving forward, Ms. Wardlaw visited with several local businesses to get an idea of the cost for steel rebar, various types of rocks, and electrical. She discovered that local steel groups charge by the pound, so the type of structure and design will heavily influence cost. Based on her research, Ms. Wardlaw believes this project is doable with the budget considered. Courtney White let the board know that if they chose to move forward with the project on their own, City Purchasing rules will apply. Chair Boyett suggested that the board move forward in a way similar to the original mural project at the airport, with the board providing a site and allowing artists to submit their ideas. Mr. Bass told the board that if they handle it that way, it means the artist would be a contractor and would then subcontract out the steel, rocks, electrical, and such. Ms. Duke stated that involving artists in the project gets them more involved with the board and the community alike, so it is an idea worth pursuing. The board determined that the next step would be site selection. Mr. Bass stated he would work with Parks & Recreation on site selection, involving Councilmember Sauer for feedback if needed. He also asked Ms. Wardlaw to create a quote for a 20' tall gabion with lighting and electrical to use on the RFP. Additionally, Mr. Bass will review the Mural Project launch documentation with Ms. White to see if it can be revised to fit this project. The board set a goal to have all of the applicable information gathered by the February meeting for a vote.

Item 7. **Discuss and Review State of Public Art in Amarillo.** Ms. Duke informed the board that Center City recently catalogued public art, like the Hoof Prints project and other statues throughout the city, but only art found within the cultural district. She expressed the desire to have an interactive map created for tourists. Mr. Bass reminded everyone that the Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council is currently working on a project to create an online catalogue of murals, expanding it to cover other public art in the future. Ms. Duke also advised the board Walmart has established a Community Mural Program in stores across the country, including some locally. These grants would provide in-store murals, paying artists a \$300 stipend. Chair Boyett asked Ms. Duke for an update on Hoodoo Mural Festival. Ms. Duke stated

that they are working on ways to become self-sustaining and have not set dates just yet. She also advised the board that more businesses are interested now than before, having seen the success of the first festival.

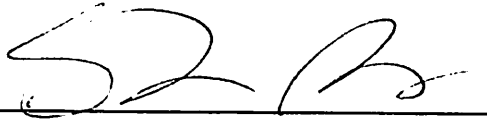
Item 6. **Consider Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date and Time.** Future agenda items to include:

- Mural Grant Program update
- Discussing beautification projects
- Board Update and Training

The next meeting will take place on February 12, 2020 at 11:45 am.

Item 7. **Adjourn.** Chair Boyett adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.

ATTEST:



Sherman Bass, Secretary



Jason Boyett, Chair