

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL  
 CITY OF AMARILLO

Minutes

On January 12, 2021, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 am by video conference via Zoom for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	TOTAL ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS
Eric Barry	Y	1	1
Jason Boyett	Y	30	30
Denise Chesnut	N	4	8
Rhonda Dittfurth	N	10	16
Beth Duke	Y	25	30
Stephanie Jung	N	0	1
Sterling McKinney	Y	6	7
Eddy Sauer	Y	24	30
Andi Wardlaw	N	27	30

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  
 Michael Kashuba      Director of Parks and Recreation  
 John Grant             Public Arts Services, John Grant Projects  
 Cindy Mendoza        Director of Parks & Recreation, MIG

Item 1.            **Call to Order and Announcements.** Jason Boyett called the meeting to order at 11:37 am. Beth Duke announced that the FY20 Mural Project was on the Amarillo Globe News front page, stating she received inquiries due to the coverage. Sherman Bass welcomed new member Eric Barry and stated introductions would take place at the next meeting.

Item 2.            **Public Forum.** No members of the public made comment.

Item 3.            **Discuss and Consider Minutes.** Chair Boyett asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the meeting on 12/8/20. Ms. Duke motioned to approve the minutes as provided. Sterling McKinney seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4.            **Discuss and Consider Election of Officers.** Ms. Duke offered thanks and recognition to Mr. Boyett for his leadership as advisory board Chair. Ms. Duke nominated Andi Wardlaw to serve as Chair. Mr. McKinney seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Ms.

Duke nominated Mr. McKinney to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. McKinney seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. **FY20 Beautification Project and Mural Grant Project Updates.** Mr. Bass stated 3 applications have been received and 3 more packets have been sent out. The website has received approximately 114 hits so Mr. Bass said he's hopeful more applications will be received. Councilmember Sauer confirmed he will serve on the Mural subcommittee. Mr. Bass stated no further movement on the Beautification Project due to public meeting component.

Item 6. **Presentation and Discussion of Parks Master Plan.** Michael Kashuba introduced Cindy Mendoza and John Grant who reviewed an abbreviated version of the Parks Master Plan presentation. Ms. Mendoza focused on community feedback received via a public survey, as well as the preliminary strategies and actions designed to fulfill those needs. The Master Plan discusses the need for public engagement in the arts, natural beautification, beautification that focuses on usefulness, city entry point design, urban greening, park clean-up programs, seasonal light displays, and such. Mr. Grant also discussed proposed dedicated staff positions who would play part in planning, such as an Arts Coordinator. Mr. McKinney expressed appreciation for the coordinator positions, stating the arts community has become fractured over the past few years, making the need for a centralized contact greater than before. Mr. Boyett stated that dedicated staff could also work to bring other arts-related projects to the city, such as filmmaking. Ms. Mendoza added that one focus of the public arts aspect is ensuring that public art is more than just functional; function-based art serves as more of a Band-Aid on items that need to be fixed, suppressing artistic expression. Ms. Mendoza & Mr. Grant stated they would send the PowerPoint presentation and documentation to Mr. Bass to pass along to all advisory board members for further review and feedback.

Item 7. **Review and Discuss City of Elgin Public Art Plan.** Due to time constraints, discussion on this item was tabled for the February meeting.

Item 8. **Consider Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date and Time.** Future agenda items to include:

- Mural Grant project & Beautification project updates
- Review City of Elgin Master Plan
- Parks Master Plan Update

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 11:30 am, by virtual meeting on Zoom.

Item 9. **Adjourn.** Mr. Boyett adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.

ATTEST:



Sherman Bass, Secretary



Andi Wardlaw, Chair