

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

Minutes

On May 11, 2021, the Beautification and Public Arts Advisory Board met at 11:30 am in the Amarillo Civic Center Hospitality Room at 401 S. Buchanan Street for a Regular Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	TOTAL ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS
Eric Barry	Y	5	5
Jason Boyett	Y	33	34
Denise Chesnut	N	7	12
Rhonda Dittfurth	N	10	20
Beth Duke	Y	28	34
Stephanie Jung	Y	4	5
Sterling McKinney	N	9	11
Eddy Sauer	Y	27	34
Andi Wardlaw	Y	30	34

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

Item 1. **Call to Order and Announcements.** Chair Andi Wardlaw called the meeting to order at 11:36 am. Beth Duke announced the return of High Noon on the Square for it's 26th year of performances, which will run through June and July 2021. Ms. Duke also announced that the Amarillo Community Market will resume on June 5th at 1000 S. Polk.

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

Item 3. **Discuss and Consider Minutes.** For the 4/13/21 meeting minutes, Chair Wardlaw requested a review and correction to the minutes to reflect an absence by Jason Boyett. Eric Barry motioned to approve the minutes with correction. Eddy Sauer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. **Discuss and Consider FY20 Beautification Project.** Mr. Bass advised the Board that no responses were received in response to the RFQ. In reaching out to two potential applicants who viewed the document but did not apply, Mr. Bass learned that one barrier to applicants might be confusion over if the RFQ allowed for reimbursement or if it would be a

matching grant. Another applicant also expressed concerns over the working capital needed to fund the project until reimbursement. After discussion and feedback from Courtney White, the board determine that progressive payments might be an option, and that communication garnering interest can include other clarifications. Mr. Bass will discuss reissuing the RFQ with City Purchasing, speak with Public Communications about press surrounding the re-release, and ensure that the steps to apply, as well as the steps after the RFQ is awarded, are made clear.

Item 5. **Thompson Park Pool Update.** Michael Kashuba let the Board know that plans are still underway with the Thompson Park Pool and the art displays. Mr. Kashuba stated that the first sculpture by artist Jacob Breeden has been approved by both the Park board and the BPAAB volunteers, and the second rendering should be received by the end of this week. Once it is received, the rendering will be sent for board approval. Progress continues with the template for gallery display mounting system.

Item 6. **Discuss and Consider Branding the Mural Grant Project.** Ms. Duke stated that when the Mural Grant Project initially started, she had hoped there would be a design element that would allow for branding of these murals, identifying them as part of the project. With the quick addition of multiple murals throughout the city that are not done in relation to the Project, Ms. Duke stated it was time to revisit this subject and see if something can be implemented moving forward. The Board determined that the best route would be to provide a logo paired with the wording "partially funded by", which can be applied to an area of the mural either with stencil or free handed. Existing Project mural awardees can be asked if they could add the logo and wording as well, but it will not be mandatory. The Board also decided that the details surrounding this change can be discussed at a later date prior to the FY21 launch and be included in the FY21 RFP. The Board discussed the need for an easy-to-access website or link to a database that can help the public find all Project murals, as well as a potential numbering system. Both topics were tabled for later discussion.

Item 7. **Consider Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date and Time.** Future agenda items to include:

- Branding Mural Grant project
- Beautification project update
- Thompson Park Pool update

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 11:30 am, by virtual meeting on Zoom.

Item 8. **Adjourn.** Chair Wardlaw adjourned the meeting at 12:38 pm.

ATTEST:



Sherman Bass, Secretary



Andi Wardlaw, Chair