

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Naples, FL March 15, 2023

LET IT BE REMEMBERED the Collier County Public Art Committee in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 3:30 PM in a REGULAR SESSION in the Collier Museum at Government Center, Naples Florida with the following members present:

Erin Wolfe Bell

Ricki Baker (virtual)

Bonny Hawley

Ashley Howe

Daniel Papanikolaou - absent

ALSO PRESENT: John Melleky, Arts and Culture Manager

1. Call to order and Roll Call

Ms. Bell called the meeting to order.

A quorum of four was established by those members present in the room, Ms. Bell, Ms. Hawley, and Ms. Howe, and virtually (Ms. Baker) as she joined during the Approval of Minutes section.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hawley made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 3-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hawley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Feb. 15, 2023, meeting. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

5. Staff Report

Mr. Melleky mentioned that the Tourist Development Tax Grant program is in its final weeks with grant applications due by Mar. 24, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

Many activities are taking place as part of the ¡ARTE VIVA! festival, a Celebration of Hispanic Arts and Culture. *Isabelle De Borchgrave and the World of Frida Kahlo* opened at Naples Art Institute on Mar. 4. Marco Island Center for the Arts opened their monthly exhibition of *Reflections of 4 Artists – Kahlo, Rivera, Salvador, and Picasso*. On Thursday, Mar. 20 they will present Dr. Ed Calle, Latin Grammy winner for a concert in their exhibition space. That weekend, Artis—Naples opens their *Three Degrees of Separation* of modern artworks from the Americas showcasing items in their permanent collection. They will also have Troupe Vertigo and Flamenco performances between April 4 – 8. Finally, Opera Naples has their Festival Under the Stars opening on March 21. This festival will showcase three items as part of ¡ARTE VIVA! – the opera *Carmen*, a night of Spanish Zarzuela and Flamenco, and closing the festival is the opera *Frida* on April 4 and 5.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. New Business

a. Selection of committee members

Mr. Melleky presented the candidates that submitted applications for membership on the Public Art Committee. The group reviewed the candidates and decided to select a candidate from District 3 first and then one from District 5, to make sure all districts are being represented. The two remaining positions were selected from the entire pool.

A summary of all candidates is below.

Name	District	Category	Result
Leeza Arkhangelskaya	3	Working artist	Non-appointment
Lisa Cataldo-Absher	3	Working artist	Appointment
Ashley Howe	3		Withdrew nomination at meeting
Alice Kiderman	3	Working artist	Non-appointment
Richard Sullivan	3	Former arts fair producer	Non-appointment
Elizabeth Barnes	5	Working artist	Non-Appointment
Nora Beyrent	5	Working artist	Appointment
Andrea Floyd Halman	5	Working artist	Non-Appointment
Jonathan Martinez	5	Working artist – runs arts programs	Alternate selected if needed
Cynthia Arnold	2	Nonprofit manager	Non-appointment
Monique Ferns	2	Nonprofit volunteer	Non-appointment
Martha C. (Muffy Clark) Gill	4	Working artist	Appointment
Paul Gower	4	Working artist	Appointment
Maureen Roberts	2	Arts fair producer	Non-appointment

Vicky Tesmer	4	Working artist	Non-appointment
Gary Wheeler	1	Working artist	Non-appointment

Ms. Hawley moved to recommend Lisa Cataldo-Absher, representing District 3, to be appointed to the Public Art Committee for a term from Apr. 2023-Mar. 2025. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

Ms. Hawley moved to recommend Nora Beyrent, representing District 5 to be appointed to the Public Art Committee for a term from Apr. 2023 – Mar. 2025. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

Ms. Hawley moved to recommend Muffy Clark Gill, representing District 4 to be appointed to the Public Art Committee for a term from Apr. 2023 – Mar. 2025. Ms. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

Ms. Hawley moved to recommend Paul Gower, representing District 4 to be appointed to the Public Art Committee for a term from Apr. 2023 – Mar. 2025. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

Ms. Hawley moved to recommend Jonathan Martinez, representing District 3 to be appointed as an alternate selection, in case anyone declines, to the Public Art Committee for a term from Apr. 2023 – Mar. 2025. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

b. Meeting Schedule

Mr. Melleky presented a tentative meeting schedule that has meetings held every odd-numbered month with each April being an orientation for the new members. Dates for the next year are as follows: April 19, 2023 – Orientation, May 17, 2023, July 19, 2023, September 20, 2023, November 15, 2023, January 17, 2024, March 20, 2024, April 17, 2024, and May 15, 2024.

Ms. Hawley moved to approve the tentative meeting schedule for 2023-2024. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

8. Old Business

a. Bayshore Subcommittee – Holiday Banners and Murals

Mr. Melleky announced that the subcommittee that was discussed at the Sep. 2022 meeting will now meet. It will include two individuals from the Bayshore CRA committee, two members from the Bayshore MSTU committee, and two members from the Public Art Committee. The committee will develop the processes and procedures to obtain holiday banners for the Bayshore area. Ms. Hawley and Ms. Howe are the representatives from the Public Art Committee. The first meeting will be on April 6

at 5:00 PM at the Kapnick Center at Naples Botanical Garden. Ms. Howe can represent the committee at the first meeting and then another committee member will take her place once the committee chooses another individual at the April 2023 meeting.

b. Florida Association of Public Art Professionals (FAPAP) Conference

Mr. Melleky updated the committee on the FAPAP Conference, which will from May 9- 11, 2023 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Downtown Orlando. The board packet included the hotel information and the link to more information. The agenda was just published online today, March 15, 2023, and includes a presentation by Miami artist Michelle Oka Doner.

Ms. Bell noted that the committee members can attend but expenses are on their own.

9. Advisory Board Member Discussion

Ms. Bell thanked Ms. Howe for her service to the committee especially during this first year to get things started. One of the major initiatives completed was creating the Vision and Mission of the committee, which helps set up the Master Plan.

10. Next Meeting- Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 3:00 pm at the Collier County Museum at Government Center

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Bell at 4:22 P.M.

COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE



Chair, Erin Bell

These minutes were approved by the Committee on 4/19/23, as presented, ✓, or as amended _____.