

MINUTES OF THE COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Naples, FL May 17, 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 3:00 PM in a REGULAR SESSION in the Collier Museum at Government Center, Naples Florida with the following members present:

Erin Wolfe Bell
Lisa Cataldo-Absher
Ricki Baker - virtual
Nora Beyrent
Muffy Clark Gill - absent
Paul Gower
Bonny Hawley - absent

ALSO PRESENT: John Melleky, Arts and Culture Manager

Ms. Colleen Greene, Office of the Attorney, Collier County

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.

~~Mr. Gower made a motion to allow Ms. Baker to attend the meeting remotely due to extraordinary circumstances. Ms. Beyrent seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously with those present in person, 4-0.~~

~~A quorum of five was established by those members present in the room and Ms. Baker.~~

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Gower made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Beyrent seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gower made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2023, meeting. Ms. Beyrent seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, 4-0.

5. Staff Report

Mr. Melleky just returned from the Florida Association of Public Art Professionals Conference held the week of May 8. This is a conference for public art professionals, artists, and consultants from throughout the state. Mr. Melleky will have more information at the next meeting.

Ms. Baker joined the meeting remotely.

Mr. Gower made a motion to allow Ms. Baker to attend the meeting remotely due to extraordinary circumstances. Ms. Beyrent seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously with those present in person, 4-0. A quorum of 5 was established.

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

7. New Business

a. Mural policies

Mr. Melleky presented an initial draft of the mural policies. Per the discussion at the last meeting, the City of Ormond Beach was used as a guideline to set these initial policies as that locale included information about mural content and other issues that were brought up in various discussions in the past.

A discussion was held on how to address a mural compared to a sign and not allow a business name in the artwork so that it could be deemed a sign. The draft contained a test on not containing letters of the alphabet in the design, but the committee decided that it could be all right, especially if it is highlighting something historical. In addition, the signature block information the committee felt the message of what the artist wants to say it important and that is why there is a review process.

Some considerations that should be included are that the mural should not contain profanity or images or things that incite violence and that family-friendly murals could be important.

The committee discussed the time frame in the draft policy. The policy has that a mural should be installed and remain for at least two years. However, the committee felt that the mural could be changed and how would that affect the process. The time frame could be something on the application and then go through the review process.

The committee requested that the polices be updated with the discussion and reviewed at the next meeting.

8. Old Business

a. Bayshore Subcommittee – Holiday Banners and Murals

Ms. Cataldo-Absher updated the committee that this sub-committee chose three banner designs, and the design firm is developing the final version of each for more feedback on the banners.

b. Macaw Statue

Mr. Melleky updated the committee on the macaw statue that was previously approved. This has not been sent to the Board of County Commissioners as there is a review about the location of the statue. There is a concern that it is on public property. The location was chosen by the Bayshore CRA as it is next to a plaque commemorating the owner of The Real Macaw restaurant and is in a little nook as part of the CRA parking lot.

c. Public Art Inventory

Mr. Melleky shared new public art installations.

First was Martha Cantu's murals in Immokalee on the 7-11. The murals are completed and the 7-11 is still under final construction.

Michelle Tricca's Face of Immokalee was installed on the Lipman Farm building in Immokalee. It is a mural of black and white photos of children that are growing up in Immokalee. It will remain on the wall for at least a year and perhaps longer, depending on how it survives the weather.

9. Advisory Board Member Discussion

Mr. Gower thanked Mr. Rogan for his packet of information that was passed out to everyone. He also thought that the discussion on murals was fascinating and exciting.

Ms. Baker asked about media exposure for Bayshore and that WGCU is ramping up its arts and culture programming and how the county can participate more. Mr. Melleky will check with the CRA on their next steps.

Ms. Cataldo-Absher thinks a process plan is a good step, and that the application needs to allow for the thought that art is subjective.

Ms. Bell thanked everyone for the meeting discussion.

10. Next Meeting- Wednesday, July 19, 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 4:26 P.M.

COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE



Chair, Erin Bell²⁴

These minutes were approved by the Committee on 7~~15~~/23, as presented, , or as amended X.