Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting
January 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 3:00pm at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Taylor Beller – Present
Ramon Magee - Present
Kathy Cornelius- Present
Elizabeth Owen – Present
Valorie Montgomery- Present

City Council Liaison: Kent Edmondson - Present
Parks Dept. Staff: Justin Stuart
Parks Dept Staff: Derek Mayden
Community member: Katie Schien

A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Ramon to accept the Minutes of theDecember meeting as presented; it passed unanimously.

Financial Report. The financial report was available for review. There were no questions

2025 Temporary Art Exhibit "Wonder"

- Phone interviews were conducted with the 4 artist finalists from the Café jury scoring process. Those artists were: Ben Pierce, Nathan Pierce, Ray Katz, Tim Adams. Each artist was asked various questions from the panel. Upon completion of the interviews, discussion was held regarding the final selection for artists to display in the "Wonder" 2025 temporary art exhibit. A motion was made by Liz and seconded by Ramon to approve Ben Pierce, Ray Katz, and Tim Adams and the artists for the 2025 temporary art exhibition; the motion passed unanimously. The members directed Justin and Derek to move forward with contracts for each of the 3 artists. The fourth artist will be selected through the Creative Communities selection process in February/March

Status/Information/Updates

- Discussion was held regarding the closure of the 2024 temporary art exhibit "Seasons". Commission members had directed Justin to contact artist Deveren Farley to negotiate and sales price for the "Family Tree" piece located in Willow Tree Park. Justin reported that Mr Farley valued the piece at $22,500 but was willing to sell the piece at a discount to the Public Art Commission. He offered to sell the piece for $19,500 minus the $2,500 stipend received for the temporary exhibit for a total due of $17,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Ramon and second by Liz to purchase the "Family Tree" piece from artist Deveren Farley for $19,500 minus the $2,500 stipend for a purchase price due of $17,000; the motion passed unanimously

Visitors/Public Comment

- None

Other Business-

- Justin noted that Taylor had completed a draft of the Annual Report and it would be emailed out to members for their review and discussion at the February meeting.

As there was no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Ramon and seconded by Liz. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

_____ Taylor Beller, Chairman