Minutes of a Regular Public Art Commission Meeting
August 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Blue Springs Public Art Commission was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 4:00pm at the Fieldhouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Taylor Beller – Present
Ramon Magee - Present
Kathy Cornelius- Present
Elizabeth Owen – Absent
Valorie Montgomery- Present
Christie Brady – Absent
Sarah Laub – Present

City Council Liaison: Nick Brummel – Absent
Parks Dept. Staff: Mary Herrington

A motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Taylor to accept the Minutes of the July meeting as presented; it passed unanimously.

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

World Cup Update

- Committee members are working on finalizing details for the Call to Artist. Per the schedule that was created, this information needs to get posted to Café. Ramon will work with Mary to get the information ready to go for Café.

Bloomberg Connects

- Valorie attended a call with Bloomberg Connects. There are 9 pieces of art that the PAC still needs information on. Mary and Ramon will help get that information. Valorie presented the idea to include audio messages for four to six pieces of art. These could include community members' thoughts on the piece. It was agreed upon by the PAC that community members might enjoy viewing the art through children's eyes. PAC members will record audio clips of their children speaking about various pieces and send them into Valorie.
- Mary went over various marketing options the City would assist the PAC in once the app is complete.

Maintenance Updates

- Ramon shared various maintenance updates with the PAC.
- There was discussion on the future of *Mother and Child.* Because there is no indoor space to move this piece to it was discussed how to proceed. It was suggested that this piece be retired. The artist is okay with moving forward with this decision. Taylor made a motion to retire/destroy the piece. Liz seconded this motion and it passed unanimously.
- Mary is still waiting to hear back regarding maintenance on *Sundancers.* She will provide an update at the next meeting.

Meeting Time

- Ramon proposed changing the meeting to two hours to allow for more in-depth conversations about upcoming projects.
- After discussion, Mary shared that no other City Commission has a set length for meetings. All commission/City Council meetings have a set start time, and it's understood that the length of the meeting could vary to shorter than an hour, to longer than a hour. Mary proposed to keep the same start time (4pm) with the understanding that some meetings may go longer than an hour. The commission all agreed.

Visitors/Public Comment

- None

Other Business

- Mary shared after discussion with Ramon we will not make a pamphlet for the *Wonder* exhibit. In the past, pamphlets were sent to community members to invite them to the reception, and to share information about art and artists. Because there is no reception this year, it did not make sense to make the pamphlet. After discussion, the PAC agreed. Mary added the PAC website has been updated with new pictures of the pieces featured in *Wonder* along with more information about the piece.

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

_____ Ramon Magee, Chairman