

**Public Art Commission Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2021**

A meeting of the City of Germantown Public Art Commission was held at GPAC on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Amanda Littlejohn called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum:

Present:

Mary Burrows, Patty Cooper, Alderman Mary Anne Gibson, Ben Guthrie, Amanda Littlejohn, Albert Pope, Christopher Schmidt and Cara Sievers

Absent:

Mindy Fischer and Kevin Young

Staff:

Paul Chandler, Angie Brannon and Cat Peña

3. Approval of the Minutes from the March 11th and April 5th Meetings:

The minutes from the March and April meetings were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Amanda Littlejohn to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

a. *Word Travels* Update

Cat provided the commission an update on the *Word Travels* Poetry Contest. 121 poems were received. The selection committee will announce the winners in early July. Poem installation will be in the fall of 2021. The project is being funded by the Mitch Major *Word Travels* Memorial Fund.

b. SmartCode Ordinance Change

Cat provided an update on the SmartCode ordinance change and referred to the handout provided to the commission. The changes have been approved by the Planning Commission Subcommittee, the Planning Commission and the BMA first reading. The second reading is June 28, 2021, and the third reading is July 12th.

c. Ulhorn Wall

Alderman McCreery sent a mural request to Mayor Palazzolo asking the Public Art Commission to consider an iconic mural along the retaining wall near Frank Uhlhorn's residence. This was discussed by the committee, and it was determined the committee will focus its present projects within the Central Business District.

d. Grants Update

The Flora and Fauna of the Wolf River project proposal has been submitted to the Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Grant program. Grants will be announced by fall of 2021 for a 2022 install. Cat presented we did not receive the SouthArts grant for Pop Up projects. We intend to fund this project with FY22 funds.

The commission also submitted a proposal to South Arts for Pop up art presentations along trails and in parks.

e. FY22 Budget

The committee was presented with the proposed FY22 budget. It has passed the BMA first reading.

5. Announcements:

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 9th at 4:30 pm.

Alderman Gibson welcomed Detective Bill Stemmler. He works for the Germantown Police Department and attended the meeting as part of Play if Like a Champion.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Amanda Littlejohn, Chair

Date: _____