**Public Art Commission Meeting**

**Minutes**

**February 9, 2023**

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

February 9, 2023.

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Amanda Littlejohn called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

**2. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum:**

**Present:**

Mary Burrows, Mindy Fischer, Alderman Mary Anne Gibson, JD Graffam, Ben Guthrie, Amanda Littlejohn, Albert Pope, Christopher Schmidt, Cara Sievers and Kevin Young

**Absent:**

Paul Chandler

**Staff:**

Angie Brannon and Cat Peña

**3. Approval of the Minutes from December 8, 2022:**

The minutes from the December 8th meeting were distributed prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Cara to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kevin and passed unanimously.

**4. Project Updates:**

 **a.** Wolf River Blvd. Creative Crosswalk Design Selection

Cat shared with the group the final designs selected for the crosswalk project and reviewed the four locations where they will be installed in FY24. These creative crosswalk designs are from the FY23 partnership with AP Art students at Houston High School and will be installed along Wolf River Blvd. In addition, there will be a weekend-long Creative Crosswalk Workshop led by a nationally recognized artistic streetscaping firm to educate local artists

on how to approach crosswalk designs and offer hands-on experience with installing crosswalks using Streetbond products. The next step will be the design feasibility study. Cat also discussed with the commission the projected budget for the crosswalk project and workshop.

 **b.** NEA Our Town Grant

Cat updated the commission on the status of the Shared Canopy Project. Phase 1 of *The Blue Trees Project* is well on the way to being completed, and the project is on schedule.

* Asset mapping (i.e. tree inventory tagging with Parks & Recreation)
* Blue Tree contract approved by BMA (1/9/2023)
* Draft and release the Temporary Artwork Call for Artists
* Planning sessions with the Wolf River Conservancy (Begin Feb.15th)
* Development of a Communications & Promotion Plan (Conversations in progress w/Memphis Brand)

Cat reviewed the draft of the Call to Artists and asked for feedback and/or edits from the PAC. She also discussed scheduling a special PAC meeting to hold the initial selection committee meeting to select 3 semi-finalists on March 23rd or 24th.

Kevin requested that we make a special presentation to the Tree Board regarding this project.

**5. New Business:**

 **a.** Shelby County Community Enhancement Grant

Cat shared the history and purpose of this grant. Each member of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners has funds available to allocate within their individual districts for non-

profit organizations (i.e. 501(c)3 & 501(c)4), as well as some governmental/quasi-governmental agencies. Commissioner David Bradford (Dist. 2) has indicated to Mayor Palazzolo that he has allocated $10,000 for Germantown. The Mayor has offered the grant opportunity to the Public Art Division.

 **b.** Work Plan 2023

Cat presented the FY2023 work plan to the committee and asked for its approval.

A motion was made by Christopher to accept the work plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed unanimously.

**6. Reports:**

Each committee liaison gave a report on their commission’s work and plans.

**6. Announcements:**

1. The next meeting will be held April 13, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Germantown Community Library.

**6. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**Minutes approved by:**

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 Amanda Littlejohn, Chair

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