



Public Art Advisory Board
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
6:15 PM
Cary Art Center - Principal's Hall
101 Dry Avenue, Cary, NC 27511

A. Call to Order - Tom Gruber, Chair

B. Adoption of Agenda

C. Adoption of Minutes

Oct 18, 2017 Minutes

D. Public Speaks Out

Adjourn

Please contact Denise Dickens with any questions about this agenda. The e-mail address is denise.dickens@townofcary.org and the phone number is (919) 465-4791.

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Wednesday, October 18, 2017
6:15 PM
Conference Room 11130
316 N. Academy Street, Cary Town Hall, Cary, NC 27513

A. CALL TO ORDER - TOM GRUBER, CHAIR

Tom Gruber called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

A.1 Welcome New Board Members

Tom Gruber introduced Anna Crollman the new administrative specialist for the PRCR Department. Current and new board members shared introductions and their backgrounds.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Mary Margaret Barnes, Candice Davies, Joel Fleischman, Thomas Gruber, Nancy van Dijk, Jim Wallace, Natalie Dieter, Lisa Medina, Anne Willson,

Staff: Denise Dickens, Lyman Collins, Anna Crollman

Absent: Viha Patel, Teen Council Representative

Guests: None

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary Margaret Barnes
SECONDER:	Jim Wallace
AYES:	Barnes, Davies, Fleischman, Gruber, van Dijk, Wallace, Dieter, Medina, Willson

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

August 16, 2017 Minutes

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Candice Davies
SECONDER:	Nancy van Dijk
AYES:	Barnes, Davies, Fleischman, Gruber, van Dijk, Wallace, Dieter, Medina, Willson

E. PUBLIC SPEAKS OUT

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

F. 1 Review PAAB Goals/Work Plan 2017/18

Denise Dickens reviewed the draft Board Goals (included below) which were shared with members prior to the meeting. Council Liaison Ken George had suggested the addition of a 'Future Recommendations' section within Focus Area 1. This allows for future thinking about how artists can be an involved in the planning and projects moving forward. Tom Gruber chimed in that this is a great modification to the focus area and goals. Denise also highlighted how the goal to explore how technology can be used to further educate the community about public art. There was also language added to look into recognition for private development companies' thoughtful integration or public art.

Denise Dickens asked for comments from Board members. Ken George suggested adding

more details about Eastern Cary Gateway (The Fenton and mall redesign) to the Future Recommendations section. Anne Willson asked about process. Lyman clarified that the Town has a good track record of success in regard to Public Art goals and subsequent projects. Tom Gruber also commented that the atmosphere towards Public Art is very positive. When opinions vary, Ken George noted that this dialogue leads to great compromise and collaboration. Staff also noted the involvement of public dialogue in the public art process leading to education and overall appreciation of the end results.

The Board moved to approve the PAAB Board Goals for 2018 with the additions discussed above.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim Wallace
SECONDER:	Natalie Dieter
AYES:	Barnes, Davies, Fleischman, Gruber, van Dijk, Wallace, Dieter, Medina, Willson

F. 2 New Parks (Western Cary)

Denise Dickens reviewed the proposed goals for the new neighborhood parks in western Cary. She also shared examples from previous neighborhood parks to show the opportunities for public art. Tom Gruber asked for feedback on the proposed goals. Ken George suggested tense changes to improve clarity. The Committee moved to approve the new park goals.

Denise Dickens will prepare an RFQ and include the approved park goals and a Board member will chair and another one or two will serve on the Artist Selection Panel.

Ken George asked Lyman Collins and Denise Dickens to clarify the park size designations.

Pocket Park – Smallest Ex. Meeting Place Park

Neighborhood Park – Larger, generally include a playground, bathrooms and sometimes single courts courts) Ex. Sears Farm Park, Carpenter Park, Walnut Street Park

Regional Park – Large, usually includes more play equipment, amenities Ex. North Cary Park, Ritter Park and Jack Smith Park,

Metro Park – Largest park, generally includes multiple landscapes, fields and resources Ex. Bond Park

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Joel Fleischman
SECONDER:	Jim Wallace
AYES:	Barnes, Davies, Fleischman, Gruber, van Dijk, Wallace, Dieter, Medina, Willson

Neighborhood Park - Carpenter Fire Station Road

\$10,000 approved FY18 for Phase I of the Public Art. This will allow for the artist to get involved during the early planning early design stages for the park with the park designers.

Anne Willson asked about budget guidelines/timing. Staff explained that capital budget requests are approached in a 5 year rolling capital budget plan. Varied levels of design and construction progress paid over multiple fiscal years. Capital budget v. capital plan. Public Art budget based on park size, space, needs. When collaboration between artist and designer take place early in the process there may be cost benefits between artwork budget and park costs.

Neighborhood Park - McCrimmon Parkway

\$10,000 approved for FY18 Phase I of the Public Art at this park. This park will serve as a trailhead for the Morris Branch Greenway. This will allow for the artist to get involved during the early planning and design stages for the park with the park designers.

F. 3 Private Development (Channing Park)

Staff shared the application for public art for Channing Park public art. Channing Park (Site plan shown). This new Subdivision is 40.92 acres and is planned to have 190 townhomes and 17 detached residencies. This site includes an important greenway extension of the Morris Branch Greenway and is across from Panther Creek High School off McCrimmon Parkway. Panther Creek, LLC's proposal from artist Eric Beerbower for this development addresses greenway amenities and paving along the Morris Branch Greenway section being constructed as a part of Channing Park. The artist was invited by the developer to design concepts for greenway amenities that would meet Cary guidelines and make a connection to Panther Creek High School across the street. Eric Beerbower's design incorporated a nature theme using leaves throughout as well as a bike rack using the Panther Creek High School mascot and school slogan.

Board members were asked to provide input on the aesthetic and durability of the proposed artwork concepts. The artwork concepts were approved. Generally the Board was complimentary of the overall approach and thought the artist's proposal was aesthetically pleasing and would be an asset for the Morris Branch Greenway. Staff shared with the Board that the developer was considering incorporating some benches and possibly other elements into the gathering places within Channing Park. The following suggestions and comments should be considered when the developer and Erik Beerbower begin the Design Phase for this project.

- 1) Consider incorporating the Panther Creek High School color into the Bike Rack. Students take pride in their colors and mascot.
- 2) Bike rack may need to be multiples..... comment "looks like only 2 bikes could be attached to the rack at one time"
- 3) Consider placement and shade providing landscape materials when selecting the bench location.
- 4) Consider safety and watch out for sharp edges with all elements
- 5) Some members of the Board thought that High School students are not riding bikes to school. Consider ways that this practice could be encouraged. Possibly incorporating benches and bike racks in other areas that encourage greenway use.
- 6) Consider the simple character of the bench design when refining the bollard design.

The Committee moved to approve the Public Art proposal for the Channing Park development.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy van Dijk
SECONDER:	Joel Fleischman
AYES:	Barnes, Davies, Fleischman, Gruber, van Dijk, Wallace, Dieter, Medina, Willson

G. OLD BUSINESS

Nancy shared how much she loved the Town Hall Campus location of Lazy Daze. Ken shared that the beer garden location and sales were great.

H. COUNCIL ACTIONS - KEN GEORGE, COUNCIL LISISON

Downtown Park phase II – 2 design consultants were recommended to Council by the multi-departmental committee.

SAS Golf Championship was very successful. Cary aired its first national ad at the SAS Golf Championship.

<http://www.townofcary.org/recreation-enjoyment/about-cary/get-to-know-cary>

Mall redevelopment is underway with Ikea. The mall residents appealed for a tax adjustment from Wake County. This tax adjustment was approved. This impacts the Cary budget significantly. We are grateful to have the opportunity to redevelop the mall now before further decline in value occurs.

Downtown Parking Deck – There has been a lot of interest in the residential/commercial space adjacent. Due to this the parking deck will be expanded and thus the artwork may need to be adjusted to fit the scale.

I. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

Cary Visual Arts (CVA) - No Report

No Updates

Fine Arts League of Cary

Next meeting Oct. 26th 7:30pm.

Other Organizations

None

Denise Dickens shared an email from the Town regarding the Wake County Transit 10 year Plan. She asked that Board members to attend public community meetings and submit their feedback including thoughts on art integration into Transit and Transportation projects.

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SECONDER:	Anne Willson
AYES:	Barnes, Davies, Fleischman, Gruber, van Dijk, Wallace, Dieter, Medina, Willson