



# Public Art Advisory Board Minutes

August 16, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers

## Present

**Board:** Charles Hamilton, Danielle DeGuglimo, Danny Humphress, Jamieson Thomas, Jeffrey Mann, Michael Barimo

**Staff:** Craig O'Neil (Liaison), Clarissa Howard

**Absent:** Sara Segal

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm. A quorum was present.

## Consent Agenda

### a. Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jeffrey Mann, seconded by Jamieson Thomas, to approve the July 19, 2021, regular meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## Staff Updates

### A. I-4 Ultimate “Rhythmic Colors” update from Lokivon & Associates:

Josh Marinov with Lokivon & Associates and Stephen Purcell with RLF provided an update on the artwork installation process. Josh apologized for delays due to steel fabrication/weather/personal crisis that put the project behind. Steel is now complete and waiting on concrete pour. A new concrete crew is on board and the project will be on track again. Jeffrey Mann asked about testing for the density of the concrete and Josh explained an independent third party does the density testing. Josh said he will send a new timeline for project completion as well as photos of the site as requested by Jamieson Thomas.

### B. Library & Events Center “Sidewalk Art Festival” art staging at current library

Craig O'Neil explained that the archive room in the current library can be used for staging of the sidewalk art festival art pieces that will be moved to the new Library & Events Center. Craig asked if board members would be willing and able to assist with moving these pieces from throughout the library to the archive room so they can be evaluated for reframing/refurbishing needs. Jeffrey Mann mentioned that he had many artwork boxes and packaging from a recent move that he would provide if needed. Craig will check with project manager to see if they can be used. Danielle DeGuglimo asked about the new annual pieces from the sidewalk art festival and how

they will be displayed. One possibility could be a space for rotating art where that year's WPSAF winning piece.

Charles Hamilton asked about discussion opportunities for signature pieces at the Library & Events Center and asked why it was not on this meeting's agenda. It was explained that city staff informed the board of this via email and this could be scheduled for discussion at the next board meeting in September. Clarissa Howard explained that ARPA funds were not considered eligible for "public art" funding. This topic and how to move forward with Events Center & Library art will be added to the next agenda as per request from the board.

### **C. PAAB Strategic Plan Subcommittee**

Craig O'Neil provided an update on the strategic plan subcommittee and two upcoming meetings scheduled for September 2 and 16. Results from subcommittee's work will be presented at next board meeting.

## **Citizen Comments**

## **Action Items**

## **Board Comments**

- Charles Hamilton made a motion to add an agenda item to next meeting regarding a cohesive strategy for signature art pieces at new Library & Events Center. PAAB needs to have a more involved role for a tighter vision of signature art. Jamieson Thomas mentioned that funding opportunities including fundraising, naming rights, donations, aesthetic/architectural regulation are all very different methodologies. Some provide more control over art selection.
- Jamieson Thomas mentioned that the grand opening events might be a great opportunity to introduce ideas and opportunities for artwork funding and/or sponsorships.
- Jeffrey Mann mentioned he has contacts at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) and will be happy to reach out if necessary.

Charles Hamilton made motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jeffrey Mann. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.