

Bloomington Arts Commission

Meeting minutes

Virtual meeting, Zoom

Attending: Babette Ballinger, Nick Blandford, Valeria DeCastro, Rachel Glago, Bryony Gomez-Palacio, Karen Hallett-Rupp, Elizabeth Licata, Essence London, Elliot Reichert, Quinton Stroud

Absent: Sam Sveen

Staff: Tyler Myles, Marnina Patrick, Sean Starowitz

Public: Dave Askins

Bryony Gomez-Palacio called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. The minutes from the June 10th meeting were reviewed. Rachel Glago moved to approve and Quinton Stroud seconded. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Sean Starowitz gave an update that there is no change in the financials.

People's Park Mural: Sean Starowitz provided a background history of the park, the mural and the public-private partnership of a mural in that space. No current plan but there is discussion of it being a community engaged process with community meetings. In the meantime, there will not be repairs done nor buffing of the mural. August 31st is when the current contract for the mural expires. Speculation about the timeline of a new contract would be no less than three years but no more than five. **Sean Starowitz** will keep moving forward with the general approach of increasing the budget to allow for community engagement and payment to the artist during the process and connecting with various community groups to work on language and theme works.

Public Art Projects update: Sean Starowitz shared that there were over 80 submissions for the Trades District Garage RFQ that closed today. The construction at the Fourth Street garage has begun, currently waiting on an update on the final designs for Switchyard, and Trades is under way with the engineering and construction design review. The Jordan River project and the Duke substation mural is currently on hold.

Miscellaneous: The letter about the Waldron is in the second draft and still being worked on. **Bryony Gomez-Palacio** asked for everybody to consider what the role the BAC should be with the Ivy Tech awards and the role that played with the community.

Strategic Plan update: Bryony Gomez-Palacio did not receive enough feedback since last meeting to provide a comprehensive update therefore thoughts and feedback were discussed.

Rachel Glago initiated conversation about the grant committee meeting schedule and will be stepping down as Chair of the grants committee in 2021.

Bryony Gomez-Palacio adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.