



Downtown Arts Subcommittee

November 9, 2017

Meeting Notes

The Downtown Arts Subcommittee of the Urban Renewal Agency held a meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Overflow Room located at the City Council Chambers at 305 3rd Ave. E.

Present: Leon Smith, Carolyn White, Perri Gardner, Curtis Eaton, Fran Frost, Marjorie McBride, Dennis Bowyer, Nathan Murray, Jesse Schuerman, and Lorrie Bauer.

Absent: Suzzane Cawthra, Tony Prater.

Purpose: Discuss potential public art projects/ideas.

Commons Wall:

Debra Gates, owner of the building next to the commons, previously proposed a renovation to her building. In order to meet the requirements for the renovation, Ms. Gates would need an easement from the URA and City because it contains adding a door, in the common wall, that will open onto the plaza. The door was located at the wall space towards Main Avenue that was previously designated as a signature mural space with up to \$35,000 reserved to make it happen. An easement agreement from Ms. Gates has not been received. Discussion ensued. The wall improvements are scheduled to be bid December 1st along with the restroom building. Perri will communicate the committees concerns to the full URA Board at the next meeting. Canvas stretched on a frame and mountable was discussed for the smaller spaces of the wall, between the pillars, that way they could be exchanged over time. Another suggestion was to use a projector and project images or videos to one space of the wall.

John Hayes Statue:

Curtis Eaton gave an update on the statue. The location of the statue will be on the corner of Main Ave. and Hansen St. inside the sidewalk, front facing toward Main. The approximate 7' tall statue will stand on a 3.5' pedestal. The statue is currently in a clay state and is estimated to go to the foundry in February and be there for 4-6 weeks. Display plaques, 10"x6", describing the statue were suggested for the beveled areas. Joey Heck and Ron James have been asked help design the display. Jesse shared an idea of incorporating a corner stone within the area of the statue display. Curtis shared there is discussion of incorporating a corner stone.

Utility Box Wraps:

There are five electrical boxes, smaller in size than originally discussed. There are catalogs available with predesigned wraps or a call-to-artists can be advertised and local art can be used to make our own wraps. A Wrap Committee (Carolyn, Marjorie, Dennis, and Fran) was created to research the costs and options available.

Perri invited the committee members to attend the upcoming Urban Renewal board meeting the following Monday.

The next meeting will be scheduled for February 2018.