

CITY ART BOARD MEETING
April 12, 2016

The City Art Board met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 1501 E. Hadley Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004.

CITY ART BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Rebecca Courtney, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. George Griffin, Ms. Kathleen Squires, Mr. Ricardo Gonzales, Ms. Joie Morillo and Ms. Susan Frary.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Shannon Martin, LCPD; Ms. Jennifer Robles, Las Cruces Museum of Art; Ms. Natalie Mosley, Las Cruces Museum of Art; Mr. Robert Caldwell, City Art Board Liaison; and Ms. Marina Montoya, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Mr. George Griffin. He recognized a quorum.

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Caldwell requested that the informational items Wooden Eagle Sculpture and bus stops be added under Staff Report agenda.

Mr. Northcutt moved to approve the April 12, 2016 agenda, as modified. Seconded by Ms. Morillo. Motion passed.

II. Approval of March 8, 2016 Meeting Notes

Ms. Frary moved to approve the meeting notes. Seconded by Ms. Courtney. Motion passed.

III. Introduction-Rebecca Courtney

Mr. Griffin introduced Ms. Courtney as a new member of the City Art Board. Ms. Courtney will be replacing Ms. Catherine Brenner, whose term expired.

IV. Work Session Discussion

Mr. Griffin informed the board that the work session presentation went well. His objective was simply to report what the Art Board has been doing and what the board is going to do. Mr. Griffin asked the board if they had any input.

Mr. Northcutt stated he thought the reaction from council was positive.

Ms. Frary stated that she thought the feeling in the audience was very awkward as the handout was not available for the audience to see.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the protocol called for a staff presentation, which there was. The presentation was an update only.

Ms. Squires stated she thought the response from the council was very positive.

Ms. Morillo stated it seemed council didn't know what to do with us. Seems that the board has a lot of growing to do and the presentation was wonderful. A better understanding was given of what the board is all about.

V. Camino Real Sculptures Discussion

Mr. Griffin informed the board that the Executive Committee met with Ms. Cathey Mathews, City Landscape Architect, regarding the removal of the rabbit/railroad crossing piece and relocating of the sculptures in the order that appears on the Royal Road plaque. Ms. Mathews will present at the next scheduled monthly board meeting on the possibility and/or cost of completing the request.

VI. East Mesa Public Safety Project

Mr. Northcutt updated the board on the status of the Call for Artists with CaFÉ for the East Mesa Public Safety Campus. To date, seven applicants, with five from outside the eligibility area, applied.

Mr. Northcutt moved to extend the entry deadline by forty-five days, with a new ending date of June, 15, 2016; to revise the CaFÉ prospectus to read eligibility area is New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, with the addition of Colorado; and to distribute a City Press Release to reach out to local Artists. Seconded by Ms. Squires. Motioned passed.

Mr. Northcutt will make all necessary changes on CaFÉ. Mr. Caldwell will get the Press Release ready for distribution.

VII. Staff Report

Art Board Staff/Liaison

Mr. Caldwell introduced Ms. Jennifer Robles and Ms. Natalie Mosley from the Las Cruces Museum of Art. When the City Art Board is moved to the Community and Cultural Services Department, Ms. Robles and Ms. Mosley will assist the board.

Eagle Sculpture

Mr. Caldwell provided information on an eagle sculpture located on the corner of Missouri and Solano. It was brought to his attention that the property has been sold. He if the board had any suggestions on where the sculpture can be relocated.

Ms. Squires suggested possibly Apodaca Park. Ms. Frary suggested possibly a pocket park, Apodaca Park, or a right of way.

Mr. Caldwell informed the board of the proposed mural for the rear walkway of the Juvenile Citation Program (JCP) building located at 890 N. Tornillo St. JCP youth will be actively involved throughout the planning and labor of this project. Further information will be provided to the board as the project progresses.

LAABS Pool Mural

Mr. Caldwell provided a printout of the mural on the interior all of the pool. The LAABS Pool mural information was information for the board. The mural will be completed by staff and youth.

Juvenile Citation Program Wall Mural

Mr. Caldwell provided a printout of the mural on the interior wall of the Juvenile Citation Program Garden wall.

Bus Stops

Mr. Caldwell provided information on the bus stops funded by the State Representative Jeff Steinborn. Originally there was a recommendation to place bus stops at four locations, but there is a requirement that it be within his district. David Maese, Mike Bartholomew, Mark Johnston, Mr. Hanaway, and Mr. Caldwell met last week. Bus stops will be placed on North Main, where the State Highway Department is working from Solano East to Triviz. There will be four theme-type bus stops for four different sections. More information is forthcoming as the project progresses.

VIII. Board Comments

Joie Morillo: None

Kathy Squires: Would like to thank Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Montoya.

Rebecca Courtney: Happy to be here, loves the exchange of ideas.

John Northcutt: Lots of progress has been made. Clarifications and discussion have removed his doubts.

Susan Fray: Glad moving forward and election of officers coming up. Need to look at Art Inventory and Art on Loan and conclude them.

George Griffin: Glad we had the discussion on the work session. Would like to give a deadline to review the City Art Board Bylaws, Strategic Plan, and Policy and Procedures for the June 2016 meeting.

Mr. Caldwell will check with Dr. Medina on the process of the summer for work on the City Art Board Master Plan. Also will contact Ms. Mathews and Ms. LaFlamme-Childs regarding meeting on the board's next scheduled meeting date.

IX. Next Meeting

Next City Art Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 10 am.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Squires moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Northcutt. Motion passed.



Marina Montoya, Recording Secretary



George Griffin, Board Chair