

**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA**

MINUTES



August 23, 2022

Call to Order

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Chairperson Decker called to order at 3:30 p.m. the August 23, 2022 meeting of the Public Arts Commission.

Roll Call

Members Present

John Wesner, District 1
Maryann McNamara, District 4
Kaeshawn "Kay" Volmer, District 5
Vice-chair Harlow Middleton, Mayoral Appointee
Chairperson Thomas Decker, District 2

Also Present

Chris Carson, Cultural and Special
Events Manager
Jeanann Hand, Deputy City Clerk

Members Not Present

Susan Grogan, District 3
Kelly Burns, At Large

Approval of Minutes

A.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 26, 2022 PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING; VICE-CHAIR MIDDLETON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

Public Comment

Presentations

Action Items

A.

Mr. Carson described the fountain and the benefits it would provide to Elizabeth Evans Park. He explained the steps that had been taken up to this point. City Construction Manager Chet Cramer and a representative from Faden Builders, who had been contracted to help install the fountain spoke to Commissioners and entertained questions. It was stated that the fountain will be three tiers with lights and that the size was recommended by the pump supplier. It was stated that the

fountain design is not adjustable, but power installed for this fountain will make the installation of a replacement fountain less difficult than installing a new fountain.

Chairperson Decker asked for budget clarification, which Mr. Carson provided.

Mr. Cramer will check on the ability to change lights. Mr. Carson emphasized the future activity that will take place at Evans Park. It is hoped the fountain will be operational by November 26, 2022. Mr. Middleton mentioned the role of Parks and Recreation in creating atmosphere near the fountain. Leisure Services Manager Troy Shonk offered the opportunity for future communications on the subject. Mr. Wesner ascertained warranty conditions.

Music, light changes, and upgrades were mentioned.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR MIDDLETON TO APPROVE THE FADEN PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF THE FOUNTAIN WITH THE CONDITION TO RETURN FOR APPROVAL IF COST EXCEEDS THE TEN PERCENT CONTINGENCY, AND TO REVISIT THE OPTION FOR CHANGING LIGHTS AND OTHER UPGRADES AT A FUTURE DISCUSSION; COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Vice-chair Middleton
Commissioner McNamara
Commissioner Wesner
Commissioner Volmar
Chairperson Decker

NO None

B.

Mr. Carson explained the reasons the plan had not yet gone to City Council. The inclusion of funding mechanisms was discussed. Commissioners noted what they considered to be the strengths and weaknesses of the plan. Commissioners discussed their strategies, processes, and project funding for the Commission's annual plans. Commissioners discussed art for Cauley Lott Park, the art walk, and art that might lead passersby to the art walk. The extent of Designing Local's future involvement was considered. Chairperson Decker mentioned the lack of a 10-year plan and phasing priorities.

Leisure Services Director Amy Jewell spoke by phone to the Commission, reminding them of the important role the Public Art Master Plan will play in the future of their activity in the City.

Janet Gamache, 138 East Fifth Avenue, commented as Executive Director of the

Mount Dora Center for the Arts. Ms. Gamache further encouraged Commission members regarding their movement toward establishing the master plan.

Commissioners agreed to establish annual goals in preparation for submitting their budget requests each year.

motion to approve of mp, plus funding source portion to be added at a later time upon advice of city council or staff

Amy Jewell call in
Janet gamache, ., spoke to commission.
MOTION:app wplanh excl of fund tob
Motion by

Resolutions

Ordinances

Discussion Items

City Staff

MR. Carson spoke about the bridge, HM suggested Decker send a note to andrew. wesner-not done yet. supposed to be art under bridge; cc-budget up to a certain amount. wesner-light house clash. decker-our art would be no place with landscaping. td- if funds left, should provide it to PAC. discussed bridge. wesner-don't like font, letters look bad, style of bridge doesn't match bldgs. suggested other process for better result. letters are too big. decker-like bridge looks like old rr trestle. mm-were never told it was going to be rust. volmer-missed opportunity. wesner-don't want it said it was approved by the art commissino. hm-lots of hands in the pie. asked who negotiated. cc-ASK VINEC TO BE AT NEXT MTG. can share more explanation.

mm asked about community bldg. cc-theater named mdmhall. to attract more quality performances and diversity to theater. getting an online ticket purveyor. best practice going forward, bring assets and resources to the bldg to make them want to come. 9/15-17 Elvis continental group. 5 Elvis shows in 3 days. want to keep pbringengeople to md. mm-advertising not getting out there. kay-think it's great for a concert hall. i think of it more like princess theater. cc-ref to middleton. hm-co i'm with owns it. no stage in there. would take more the 500k to bring it to code. gave history of bldg. parking problem. demographic problem. wold love to see something happen there, it's for rent.

Middleton questions-what is effect if at all with council moves on advisory boards. also asked about fountain at sunset park. that was supposed to be there. cc-funding situation. gave history of what happened to that situation. pipes are probably there. middleton-might be easy to resurrect. td-armers market would not be in favor.

cc asked hm about roundabout in tavares.-golden triangle. rumors i heard it was deadare not true. it's in the county

Communications and Reports

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C.

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F.

G.

Future Meeting Dates

A.

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C.

Adjournment