

PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION
January 25, 2021 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Amanda James called the virtual Public Arts Advisory Commission regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on January 25, 2021. Present: Suzanne Cantrell, Gina Gazzo, Amanda James, Regina Glawe, Matthew Staker, and Candace Bell. Absent: Matthew Gaul. Also in attendance was Council Member Curt Gause.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES—CANTRELL/GLAWE moved to approve the agenda and minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting. All ayes.

3. TIME TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION—Council member Curt Gause said hello and that he had just returned from shoveling the snow, and later in the week would be in sunny Florida. He also mentioned that the City Council Chamber is hopeful to have summer events this year, but with precautions.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Vote for 2021 Polk County Community Development Grant: The grant admission opens up February 1st and closes February 28th. CANTRELL/GLAW moved to apply for the Polk County Community Development Grant. All ayes.

b. Report: Sign ordinance Update: City of Pleasant Hill with the contracted help of Confluence has been updating every section of the building code. Based on the recommendation of the Public Arts Advisory Commission, the section of building code regarding sign ordinances is being updated to allow for murals with City limits. The proposed sign code ordinance will include a new definition for “work of art” and these would be exempt from the sign code ordinance. Discussion and questions followed.

c. Report: Volkan Alkanoglu Sculpture Update: The sculpture “Phoenix” is to be placed in the roundabout at the intersection of NE 70th Street and Rising Sun Drive. Manufacturing has begun, and plans have been submitted and approved by the City Engineer and the City’s building department. We are still looking for an install date in Spring (March). Candace Bell also shared some pictures of the sculpture process.

6. DIRECTOR’S/COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

a. Ryan Merritt has joined the Parks and Recreation Department. He is from Davenport, and is also an art enthusiast. He is hoping to attend some Arts Commission meetings.

b. Inside Out: Candace reached out to them and they are very excited to partake again.

c. Amanda James discussed reaching out to donors via Christmas/thank you cards. She is pleased to report repeated donors reaching out due to these cards.

c. Amanda James discussed Pleasant Hill Arts Foundation, noting that no meeting has been scheduled since the pandemic, but stressed that a meeting does need to happen soon. There are 5 members currently.

d. Amanda James mentioned that two Public Arts Commission seats are available for any Pleasant Hill residents who wanted to join.

7. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

- NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING is March 22, 2021

Recording Secretary