

City of Port St. Lucie

Public Art Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes - Final

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Monday, May 16, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 188

1. Call to Order

A Regular & Virtual Meeting of the PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Chair Williams on May 16, 2022, at 6:05 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, Room 188, 121 SW Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Maddie Williams, Chair
Richard W. Lee, Vice Chair
Alexandria Gribble
Katherine Cordero
Alice Zinn, Alternate
Peter Pascucci, Alternate (via Zoom)

Members Not Present:

Amy Alice
Diane Turner
Ann Steakin

3. Approval of Minutes

3.a March 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

[2022-422](#)

Vice Chair Lee moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Cordero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. New Business

4.a Public Art Application: Heart in the Park Alternative

[2022-419](#)

Equivalent Proposal Request. The Applicant is Mattamy Palm Beach, LLC, and the Proposed Location is the Southwest Corner of the Intersection of SW Discovery Way and SW Village Parkway (Associated Site Plan P22-109)
The Legal Description is Telaro at Southern Grove Plat 2, Tract Park A

Bridget Kean, Senior Planner, explained how the Board and the City Council had voted to allow for one large art piece for multiple sites instead of smaller multiple pieces. She then introduced Steve Garrett, Lucido & Associates, the applicant.

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint was shown at this time.) Mr. Garrett gave a short background on the artist, Jefrë and the idea behind the piece. He also gave a history and detailed description of the Tradition area. He informed the Board that the piece would be along Tradition Trail, which was 15 miles long and consisted of a multimodal path; the piece would be located at the southwest corner of Village Parkway and SW Discovery Way. He explained that across the street, Shops at the Heart was designed along with the piece and would provide the parking. He explained how the area was being set up as a pedestrian environment. Jefrë gave a brief background on his personal and professional life. He stated that the piece was three times as big as the "bean" in Chicago. He stated that the piece would be setting Port St. Lucie up to be a destination. Mr. Garrett informed the Board that the piece had a height of 73'-6" (3'-6" raised plaza, 10' Visitor Center, and 60' Heart sculpture), had an elevated walkway of 26'-4", had 10 Dedicated parking spaces and had a budget of \$4-6 million. Ms. Zinn inquired if the piece would be ADA compliant, to which Mr. Garrett replied that there was a chairlift in the Heart and the piece also contained ADA ramps to get up the Heart. He explained that the appropriate CDD (Community Development District) would be responsible for the maintenance. (Clerk's Note: An interactive video was shown at this time.)

The Board discussed how events could take place in the square, to which Jefrë replied that there was space for performances on or near the Heart. He stated that he created experiences not just pieces of art. Mr. Garrett stated that they wanted the space to flow and did not want to take away from the vision of the piece, so they created more intimate custom seating areas to complement the Heart. Ms. Zinn inquired if there was a water feature to the piece, to which Mr. Garrett responded in the negative. Mr. Garrett informed the Board that they were working with Tamco on the lighting.

Mr. Garrett explained how the piece was consistent with the City's Art in Public Places Plan through three strategies. Jefrë & Mr. Garrett stated that they hoped installation would occur in the first quarter of 2023, but it would depend on the supply chain; Jefrë clarified that it would take

about six months to construct. Mr. Pascucci voiced that the piece was breathtaking and Dan Grosswald, Mattamy Southeast Division President, voiced that the piece would put Port St. Lucie on a global stage. Ms. Zinn inquired if they would charge admission, to which Jeifr  replied that there could be options for sponsorships and events which could help pay for maintenance and the sustainability of the piece. Chair Williams added that since it was Public Art and made for the community, there should be no fee. Ms. Gribble inquired as to how many people the square could hold, to which Mr. Palumbo replied it would hold approximately 1,000. Ms. Kean explained the alternate equivalent proposal boundaries to the Board and Mr. Garrett added that the list was consistent with Tradition DRI's.

Vice Chair Lee moved to recommend the Alternate Equivalent Proposal to the City Council. Ms. Cordero seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Vice Chair Lee moved to recommend the Heart in the Park art piece to the City Council. Ms. Zinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Unfinished Business

There was nothing heard under this item.

6. Other issues by Board Members

Katherine Cordero resigned from the Board.

7. Public to be Heard

There was nothing heard under this item.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Maddie Williams, Chair

Shanna Donleavy, Deputy City Clerk