

City of Port St. Lucie

Public Art Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 188

1. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD of the City of Port St. Lucie was called to order by Chair Williams on January 21, 2025, at 6:10 p.m., at Port St. Lucie City Hall, Room 188, 121 Port St. Lucie Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Maddie Williams, Chair

Alice Zinn

Gina Duffy

Kelli Burgess

Pamela Malingowski

Members Not Present:

Cathleen Sullivan, Vice Chair

3. Determination of Quorum

4. Approval of Minutes

4.a Approval of the November 4, 2024 Public Art Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

[2025-064](#)

There being no discussion, Ms. Zinn moved to approve the November 4, 2024, minutes. Ms. Duffy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. Public to be Heard

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) John Hayes, resident and public art curator, presented to the Board on a proposed Botanical Gardens exhibit to be funded by the Public Art Committee. He presented images of his portfolio and stated that the piece could be loaned for 1 year for \$38,400. Ms. Zinn inquired about maintenance, to which Mr. Hayes replied that they would take care of that. Ms. Zinn also inquired about damage, to which Planner Bethany Grubbs replied that there was a stipulation in their contract. Ms. Burgess inquired about potential interference with the Botanical Gardens holiday displays,

to which Ms. Grubbs replied that the Port District runs through the Botanical Gardens with the holiday displays and they would have 6 anchored public art pieces come before the Board that would be added to the playground area, but the CRA may not be willing to put other work out that would take away from those pieces. Ms. Grubbs then inquired if there was room to fit all 12 pieces, to which Mr. Hayes responded in the affirmative and noted that they did not need plinths and they were heavy enough not to move.

Ms. Grubbs stated that it was in the Master Plan that they contribute \$10,000/year to the Botanical Gardens Fund and their private Board selects the art pieces, and that they would be receiving the 2025 funds on August 1st. Chair Williams discussed the budget further, noting that the employee compensation would need to be calculated as part of fee includes the assistance of 4 city staff members. The Board and Mr. Hayes then further discussed assistance and Mr. Hayes requested that holiday lights not be put on the sculptures. Mr. Hayes and Ms. Grubbs agreed to discuss the numbers at a later time. (Clerk's Note: No action was taken for this item.)

Artist Cathy Estremera stated that she attended this meeting out of curiosity and informed that there were currently no places at the MidFlorida Event Center to house 3D art due to the change implemented this year that sculptures could no longer be on pedestals. Per discussion from the Board, Ms. Grubbs advised that she would reach out to MidFlorida to be able to provide more information to the Board.

6. New Business

6.a The Public Art Advisory Board's Election of Officers for 2025.

[2025-065](#)

(Clerk's Note: This item was heard after item 6.e.)

Cathleen Sullivan was voted as Chair.

Kelly Burgess was voted as Vice Chair.

Pamela Malingowski was voted as Chair Pro-Tem.

Ms. Burgess moved to approve the election results. Ms. Zinn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

6.b Public Art Application: The Tree of American Dreams Alternative Equivalent Proposal Request for Legacy Park at Tradition (P23-096).

[2025-066](#)

(Clerk's Note: A PowerPoint presentation was shown at this time.) Dennis Murphy, Culpepper & Terpening, presented to the Board and discussed the proposed Legacy Park public art site and the maintenance for the

piece, stating that they were in negotiations with the City and proposing to eventually transfer it to the City for maintenance, but that would require that it be on city property. He informed that the piece was ready to be delivered as soon as he completed things with the City. He stated that because they moved the location, they needed to come before the Board to discuss any potential issues. The Board and Mr. Murphy then discussed parking around the site and residents stopping to view the sculpture.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Burgess moved to approve the change in location. Ms. Duffy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

6.c Update on the Public Art Fund

[2025-067](#)

Ms. Grubbs discussed the funds that have been allocated, and she noted that the City contacted their conservator to fix various pieces. She stated that they had City Council approval to spend \$200,000 and potentially obtain a roundabout piece, and she informed of parameters for the call to artist. She stated that they were still working on the utility box wraps and noted that Council did not direct the Board to assist with funding for the Salute to Service project.

Chair Williams inquired about perspectives on future income, to which Ms. Grubbs replied that they had discussed a long-term plan and noted that everything was anticipated to be paid off in 2-3 years.

6.d Update on the Mural at the Wall at City Hall

[2025-070](#)

Ms. Grubbs informed that the City Council rejected all 3 proposals and stated that the basic feedback was to not have faces/people and a continuous theme/one distinct piece. She noted that they were going to reach out to Mr. Wiley to have him touch up the current piece.

6.e Request Approval of the 2025 Public Art Advisory Board Meeting Schedule.

[2025-071](#)

There being no discussion, Ms. Burgess moved to approve the schedule for meetings to be held on the 3rd Monday of the month. Ms. Malingowski seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

(Clerk's Note: Item 6.a was heard next.)

7. Unfinished Business

The Board and staff discussed the Heart sculpture updates.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Maddie Williams, Chair

Jasmin De Freese, Deputy City Clerk