



APEX PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

17 June 2024

7pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Bethany Bryant
Tom Colwell
Sean Durham
Susan Kirley
Lafayette Trawick
Taylor Wray, Town of Apex Liaison

ABSENT

Brad Erickson
Ewan Pritchard

Call to Order – Tom

Start 7:00pm

Approval of 20 May 2024 Meeting Minutes

Approved

1st : Susan

2nd : Bethany

Town Liaison Report – Taylor

Reviewed the approved 2024-2025 budget to include: murals, sculpture walk items, window painting, and some small projects.

Chairperson's Report – Tom

None at this time

Public Comment

Eddie Owens present during Old Business then left during New Business.

Old Business

- **Apex Sculpture Walk – Tom**
 - Voting ends today. Tom will compile the info from the guided walks and the google scores.
 - Awards can be distributed after the voting information is completed

- **Mural – Tom**
 - Budget approval for 2 murals (proposed): 1. White Oak Greenway and 2. Digital Artwork for the projector project
 - Tom mentioned the fencing wall at Pleasant Park as a second possibility.

- Pleasant Park Fence project: In an email, a councilmember brought up the thought of doing a mural specifically on the maintenance fencing across from the playground at Pleasant Park.
 - Planning has concerns about this project being too easily accessible by the public and PRCR has longevity/opaqueness concerns.
 - This fencing project would be considered one of the “murals” in the budget if PAC wanted to move this forward.
 - Tom made a motion to go forward with the Greenway mural and look more into the fence screen wall. Motion: 1st Tom / 2nd Susan
 - Susan asked if we have a theme for the greenway. Nature, active, movement, action theme. Scale would be similar to the Unity Mural size. PAC will want to review what Cary has done on the same greenway to make sure we are not doubling efforts or having opposing content. Tom will do more research & get this out within the next month.
- **Crosswalk Art** – Sean / Taylor
 - Taylor had a conversation with the Planning Department and they believe PAC’s crosswalk project should be postponed (in that location) until just before the Saunders Street parking lot project is completed. This way the Town can ensure the private lot attached to the crosswalk does not require any extra closures. Planning also worries all of PAC’s hard work will be ruined by the fresh asphalt being laid for this parking project. Here are more details about this parking project: <https://www.apexnc.org/1867/Saunders-Parking-Lot>
 - Taylor talked with Tom last week. They are thinking PAC need to find a new location if they want to move this project forward this calendar year. The best locations for this would be greenways or parks that do not require major street closures.
 - Thoughts about another option for location: Park with multiple entrances and exits so the temporary road closure would not close the park. This would also be a good opportunity to test out the materials prior to doing crosswalks in even more prominent locations.
 - Sean will get some photos and do more research before the next meeting.
- **Digital Art** – Tom / Taylor
 - Tom and Taylor met with Mike Cuales, Rhett Hissam, and Katrina Bond on May 31 to talk about digital art projects in the area and how to bring them to The Halle/Town of Apex. They would offer a workshop/event in mid-July for the committee.
 - There is also an immersive art experience
 - We have purchased all of the equipment from Avcon per PRCR Director request. Taylor has had internal meetings with Electric, Public Works, Planning, IT, and Building Inspections in regards to this project.
 - We are in the process of acquiring drawings for the support structure from a structural engineer. These communications have gone out. Once a suitable quote and plan has come together, to Town will then look for a contractor to build the structure.
 - Share these with the PAC to build in ideas for the wrap/beautifying
 - Tom would like to know if Avcon can provide some training on Bright Sign in advance and he suggested that Electric build in the infrastructure for additional *possible* future projectors.
 - In the meantime, the Town would like the Public Art Committee to compile suggested guidelines for this display board. These will then be run past several departments for review.

- These are complete from Brad and Tom will send them to Taylor.

New Business

- Future committee members and officers – Ashley Gentry, Deputy Town Clerk
 - Two vacancies on the committee (2 nomination for reappointments)
 - FY2024-2025 schedule to adopt with:
 - Removal of July and December meetings – PAC would like to **keep** these due to sculpture walk voting in JULY & DEC. APPROVED.
 - Removal of February meeting due to Presidents Day
 - Instead, this meeting will be rescheduled to Monday, February 24, 2025. APPROVED.
 - Proposing meeting start time change from 7pm to 6pm due to consistency with other Council committees – This does not create any issues for most of the group if they can plan for it, but the decision was TABLED. These items were pushed to the July 2024 meeting.
 - Relocating to Town Chambers at the Apex Town Hall (will be livestreamed & more formal). TABLED this item until the July 2024 meeting.
 - Tom would like to offer that this is currently a subcommittee of the PRCR Advisory committee, but would like to propose it being a stand-alone committee. Ashley will take this back to the Clerks office to get more info on the possibility of this. PAC recommended this change and would like Ashley to get more info on if this is possible. Ashley would like to set up a meeting with Tom, Allen, and Craig to discuss.
 - Any tabled items were tabled due to 2 members not in attendance.
 - The PAC committee would inform Tom, Taylor, and Ashley Gentry when not able to attend a meeting. This is best practice for meeting attendance.
 - Tom and Bethany are both up for reappointment leaving 2 vacancies. There are also 6 additional applicants at the time of the meeting.
 - Ashley opened nominations at 7:51pm
 - 1st Susan to reappoint Tom / 2nd Bethany to reappoint Tom.
 - CHAIR has to coincide with PRCR Advisory board, which is Tom Colwell.
 - 1st Sean to reappoint Bethany / 2nd Lafayette to reappoint Bethany.
 - VICE-CHAIR nominations: Bethany mentioned that she is not sure she would have the time capacity to continue being vice-chair.
 - Susan nominated Sean. 2nd Bethany nominated Sean. All in favor. PASSED.
 - “What does the Vice-Chair include?” was asked. Bethany and Tom responded: To act in the Chair’s absence; not contingent on any type of involvement out of the basic requirements for the committee.
 - Both of these reappointments and the vice chair recommendation will be up for recommendation at the June 25, 2025 Council Meeting.
 - Ashley suggested to update the Arts Policy for the committee. This would need to be presented to Council when it is ready for update.

Motion to Adjourn

End at 8:04pm // Approved

1st : Bethany

2nd : Susan