

**PUBLIC ART AND PLACEMAKING ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
THURSDAY JANUARY 28, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

Virtual Meeting

Cumulative Attendance

Board Members	Attendance	Present	Absent
Bonnie Barnett	P	1	1
Bonnie Clearwater	A	1	1
Francie Bishop Good	A	0	2
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	2	0
Michelle Howland	P	2	0
“Phoenix” Lynn Marks	P	2	0
Sarah Glass	P	2	0

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As of this date, there are 7 appointed members to the Board, which means 4 would constitute a quorum.

Staff

Dean J. Trantalis, Mayor
Carl Williams, *Parks & Recreation Deputy Director*
Leona Osamor, *Grants Administrator*
Jerry Jean-Philippe, *Moderator*

Public Attendee

Jeff Selzer

Roll Call

Chairperson Sarah Glass called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by “Phoenix” Lynn Marks and seconded by Martha G. Steinkamp, that the minutes of December 7, 2020 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Proposed Public Arts Project Update

The members of the board discussed multiple park site locations throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale for the installation of an art sculpture or multiple art sculptures to honor the late Mr. Jim Laird.

Mayor Dean J. Trantalis informed the board that he would like to see something that is unique and singular to Fort Lauderdale and suggested that once the site has been chosen, the artists should be invited to visit and become inspired in creating a piece that was both suitable for the location and in line to what Mr. Laird would have wanted. Mayor Trantalis stated that the goal is to narrow down and identify a high-profile

location to site a number of outdoor sculptures. The board was informed by Mayor Trantalis that one site location that should be considered is the new park created by the City just across the street from the Venetian and south of the Las Olas bridge. Mayor Trantalis further stated that the combined area of the Tunnel Top Park and the Laura Ward Park Plaza could be another high-profile site to be considered.

Mr. Jeff Selzer, trustee to the late Mr. Jim Laird agreed with the Mayor and further stated that Mr. Laird would have also wanted to be remembered as someone that was very active in the arts.

The board was also informed by Mayor Trantalis that he envisioned having a sculpture that would broaden the appeal of what Fort Lauderdale truly is or someplace that could be recognized as Fort Lauderdale's sculpture plaza or sculpture garden. Mayor Trantalis also stated that he would like to think of Fort Lauderdale as an international center especially since the City in the coming weeks will be announcing details about some potential investors and developers that would like to build a forty story International World Trade Center in Fort Lauderdale that would bring in traders from all over Europe, South America, Central America, as well as the Pacific realm.

Motion was made by "Phoenix" Lynn Marks and seconded by Martha G. Steinkamp, that Tunnel Top Park be selected as the site location to place the artistic sculpture(s) in honor of Mr. Jim Laird. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

[Michelle Howland joined meeting at 6:00p.m]

2. **New Business**

Deputy Director Carl Williams informed the board that a committee has been formed to review the applications received from the Call-to-Artist made for the lifeguard towers project on the Fort Lauderdale Beach. Mr. Williams stated that in addition to the members already selected on the committee, there is a need to have one member from the Public Arts and Placemaking advisory board to also serve on the committee.

Motion was made by "Phoenix" Lynn Marks and seconded by Martha G. Steinkamp, that Michelle Howland be accepted to serve on the committee in charge of reviewing the Call-to-Artist applications for the lifeguard towers project on the Fort Lauderdale Beach. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. **Board Comments**

There were no board comments.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.