

**PUBLIC ART AND PLACEMENT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL – 8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
100 N ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312**

Cumulative Attendance Board Members	Attendance	Attendance	
		Present	Absent
Andrew Martineau	P	2	0
Diane Weinbrum	P	1	1
Martha G. Steinkamp	P	2	1
Michelle Howland	A	1	2
“Phoenix” Lynn Marks	P	3	0
Robyn Vegas	P	1	2
Sarah Glass	P	3	0

Dec 2021 - Nov 2022

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

Staff

Carl Williams, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation
Leona Osamor, Grants and Special Projects Coordinator
Stephanie McClary, Senior Administrative Assistant

Public Attendees

Nilda Comas
Garret Nathan

Roll Call

Chairperson Sarah Glass called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Roll was called, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Diane Weinbrum and seconded by Sarah Glass, to amend the minutes of December 14, 2021, be approved. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

1. Better Days Environmental Mural Project

Mr. Garret Nathan founder of the Better Days foundation presented the board with various projects that Better Days organization is currently working on. Mr. Nathan mention that he received approval from the Department of Transportation to do the project on A1A. Mr. Nathan presented the murals and mention that the murals will be

augmented reality layered which would be a dimension that could be used by your phone that can turn into various animated pieces and games. Mr. Nathan stated they will start with a couple pieces then they will add more animators. Mr. Nathan stated that this will be a collective effort using elementary students, muralists, and animators to complete these projects; each piece will change roughly 3 to 4 months. Mr. Nathan stated that the recommended location will be on the sidewalk and areas A1A which will include an application being submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation from the city.

Mr. Nathan mentioned that the artists associated with this project are volunteers and will not be paid. The board members were concerned about the artist not being compensated or recognized for their artwork. Board members questioned who would be responsible in submitting the application to Florida Department of Transportation and desired to have a better understanding of the process.

Mr. Nathan stated that the city will be responsible for submitting the application to the Florida Department of Transportation and the fees would be waived. Mr. Nathan further stated that his organization is a 501c3 and the artist work and time will be donated to the organization and reiterated the artist would not receive compensation.

The board asked Mr. Nathan if he will be coming back to the board to show the anticipated design of the art for review and recommendation. Mr. Nathan advised that he did not have plans to do. Deputy Director Carl Williams mention that the board feels uncomfortable approving something without seeing what the artwork would look like prior to display.

Board members expressed that they love the concept of the presentation; however, they feel uncomfortable approving without a call to artist process, seeing the anticipated artwork and knowing the Florida Department of Transportation process.

Motion was made by “Phoenix” Lynn Marks no seconded recorded, to accept the concept, but for Better Days organization to come back to the board with the call to artist details and the FDOT application process.

Motion was never second.

Board member Phoenix Lynn Marks stated that she did not receive a second because the presenter is not interested in working in the parameters of details and process of what the board is requesting. Mr. Nathan was unwilling to come back to allow the artwork to be approved, thus the board was not in favor of moving forward.

Motion never moved forward.

2. Fort Lauderdale Police Department Mounted Police Monument

Nilda Comas presented to the board the sculptures representing the legacy of the

mounted police. Ms. Comas presented pictures of the project and proposed location on Las Olas Boulevard. Ms. Comas stated that it will take about 2 years for the project to be completed. Ms. Comas shared a list of artworks that she has displayed throughout the city. Ms. Comas mention to the board this will be a donated piece.

Board members questioned Ms. Comas about her purpose and motivation to do this project. Board members were concerned that the artwork may not fit into the vision for this location, thus were unsure if they want the project on/near Las Olas Boulevard. Board members expressed that this presentation maybe too early and that the board needs more time to complete their criteria and vision for the Tunnel Top project. Board member expressed that the donor wanted the artwork of both horses to be together and not separated and suggested that Holiday Park would be a great location.

Ms. Comas mention that Holiday Park will not be the best location, because the concept for the artwork is to be placed where people are walking. Ms. Comas mentioned that she believes it won't impact other artwork and are life size pieces which will be placed in the corner.

Board members expressed their concern of the look that it will present in the downtown area and believe it's a literal piece of work. Board member stated that it is important that the board create a "call to artist" process.

Deputy Director Carl Williams mentioned the board's purpose is to be an extension to the City Commission and the recommendation will go before our City Commission for final approval.

Board member Phoenix Lynn Marks mentioned that the proposed location is premature and once the board establishes the call to artist criteria, suggests Ms. Comas comes back to present to the board.

Board members suggest the location to be in front of the police station.

Ms. Comas stated that she does not recommend the artwork at the police station, because it is not the purpose of the art piece. Ms. Comas stated the purpose of the art piece is to be on Las Olas Boulevard as the mounted police did previously.

Motion was made by Diane Weinbrum and seconded by Sarah Glass, the public art advisory board at this time does not recommend moving forward with this art piece on Las Olas Boulevard. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

3. Sculpture Proposal – South Side Cultural Arts Center

Grants Administrator Leona Osamor presented sculptures that will be located at South Side Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Osamor further stated that there will be different

art pieces such as a butterfly, bumble bee, lady, bug, and flowers. Ms. Osamor stated that the Director saw these pieces at the City of Deland and funding will come from the departments General Fund.

Board members express that they love the artwork; however, they would like to see more public art in the city by local artist. Board members also expressed that there are pros and cons to having local artist.

Motion was made by Robyn Vegas and seconded by Diane Weinbrum, to approve this project. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

4. Tunnel Top City Art Endowment

Grants Administrator Leona Osamor mentioned to the board that it is important that the board create a set criterion with the Tunnel Top Project. Ms. Osamor suggested that the board should meet, develop a process and set a vision for any sculpture in the city not just the Tunnel Top.

Board members discussed that they would like to meet and have a strategic planning meeting to focus on the vision of the Tunnel Top as well as the entire city along with a timeframe.

Deputy Director Carl Williams reminded the board that the Mayor met with the board 1 ½ years ago and there is a 5 million dollar endowment that the board can approve for one piece or several pieces. The board determined that the location for this artwork should be at the Tunnel Top due to its visibility. Mr. Williams further stated that this board will need to finalize the process and criteria for this project. Mr. Williams inquired, if better for their schedule, to have a meeting during the day as opposed to the evening so quorum can be achieved. Mr. Williams stated that Stephanie McClary, Senior Administrative Assistant will coordinate times in June and July for the board to meet.

Board member Robyn Vegas recommended an artist called “Living Arts” that is interested in the Tunnel Top project, she mentioned one of the artists is a local artist, their concept is brand-new and promotes the environment. Ms. Vegas recommended the artist present to the board once they set the vision for the Tunnel Top project.

Board member Phoenix Lynn Marks express the importance of the board to finalize the criteria prior to the artist presentation for the project.

Board member Martha Steinkamp stated that the board should approve something spectacular due to the amount of money that the board is working with.

Board member Sarah Glass recommended to consider “Friends with You” and local artist, and she believes board member Robyn Vegas’s recommendation of the “Living Arts” is unique for that location.

5. New Business / Board Comments

Board member Phoenix Lynn Marks clarified if the board would receive minutes from March board meeting that was cancelled due to quorum for attendance purpose and to have on record.

Mr. Williams confirmed that staff will have the minutes out for the board to approval next meeting.

**6. Communications to the Commission
No communication to the commission**

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.