



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
PUBLIC ART & PLACEMAKING ADVISORY BOARD
FORT LAUDERDALE FIRE STATION #2
THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
528 NW 2ND STREET, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311
MAY 20, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.**

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>January-December 2024</u>	
		<u>ABSENT</u>	
Sarah Glass, Chair	P	3	0
Martha Steinkamp, Vice Chair	P	3	0
Phoenix Marks	P	3	0
Andrew Martineau	A	2	0
Gregory Reed	A	0	3
Robyn Vegas	P	3	1
Elisabeth Wennberg (arr. 1:07)	P	2	0

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

Staff Present

Joshua Carden, Cultural Affairs Officer, Staff Liaison
K. Cruitt, Recording Clerk, Prototype, Inc.

Communication to the City Commission

None,

Roll Call

Chair Glass called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called and it was noted a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes – 4/05/24 & 4/15/24

Motion made by Ms. Marks, seconded by Vice Chair Steinkamp, to accept both of them. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Ms. Wennberg arrived at 1:07 p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Artist Selection – Peter Feldman Park Pump Station Mural

Mr. Carden advised that the surrounding community's most popular choices among the prospective artists were Ivan Roque, Danny Doya, and Pepe Gaka. He noted that a community survey was answered by nearly 50 neighborhood residents. Some residents had verbally communicated their preferences.

The members reviewed and discussed the artists' work, ranking them in the following order of preference in the event that the top-ranked artist cannot complete the work or declines to participate:

1. Pepe Gaka
2. Ivan Roque
3. Danny Doya

Motion made by Vice Chair Steinkamp, seconded by Ms. Vegas, that we award [the mural to Pepe Gaka]. In a voice vote, the **motion** passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Steinkamp requested clarification of how some of the City's current art projects are funded. Mr. Carden replied that the mural was funded by the City's Public Works Department as part of the overall budget for the pump station. The lifeguard towers are funded through the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department's Emergency Management Division, while the Holiday Park mural is funded through the Parks Department.

Vice Chair Steinkamp noted that none of these projects are funded through the City's general obligation bond intended to secure funding for public art from new development. She asked if the new City Attorney could be invited to attend a future Board meeting and discuss the bond funding with the Board members, as he may have a different viewpoint from the previous City Attorney on the bond's legality. Mr. Carden replied that he would reach out to the City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Carden recalled that in 2023, the state of Florida passed a law excluding municipalities from requiring developers to contribute to a public art fund. Some cities continue this practice if their ordinances are long-standing and there has been no objection from developers.

3. Business for the Arts Broward Partnership Project

Ms. Vegas explained that a mural has been proposed for a vertical wall on the Riverwalk City Garage. The City has granted permission for this mural and a call to artists was issued the previous week. Thus far, 18 Florida artists have applied for consideration. The call will remain open until June 10, 2024.

The Business for the Arts Board will select the top three artists and pay each of them \$500 to submit a design, from which that Board will make their final selection.

The cost of the mural is estimated at \$30,000 and is approximately 25 ft. by 65 ft. The Public Art and Placemaking Advisory Board will be asked to review approve the design.

4. Project Status Updates:

- **Marc Quinn's *Broken Sublime (The Hunger)***

Mr. Carden reported that *Broken Sublime* has been installed, with an opening reception scheduled in mid-June 2024.

- **FIU Temporary Art Project – Riverwalk Garage**

This temporary public art project, featuring work by Florida International University (FIU) students, has been installed at the Riverwalk Garage and will remain in place until it becomes deteriorated.

- **Lifeguard Towers (Timothy Smith)**

Mr. Carden advised that he is in contact with artist Timothy Smith and has communicated the Board's thoughts on this project, particularly for the tower which will feature an LGBTQ+ theme. He has also requested feedback from the Stonewall Museum and National Archives.

Mr. Carden continued that he has also gone before the Beach Business Improvement District advisory board meeting to determine if any area hotels would be willing to house the artist for an extended period of time while he is working on the lifeguard towers. The hotel may also wish to facilitate an artist's talk or live painting demonstration for their guests. The hotels represented at the advisory board meeting were receptive to the project and to this proposal.

- **Holiday Park Mural (Ernesto Maranje)**

Mr. Carden estimated that it will be another month before the lifeguard towers and Holiday Park mural agreements are approved by the City Commission, which would mean the artists would begin their work in summer. Due to the extreme heat, as well as the continuation of sea turtle nesting season, the artists have been asked to begin work on both projects in October 2024.

- **River Oaks Mural**

Mr. Carden advised that he has sent the River Oaks Civic Association's attorney a copy of the standard agreement used by the City for all its art pieces. The Association offered

a number of changes to this agreement which were denied by the City Attorney's Office, as the City cannot legally promise or facilitate those items. At this time Mr. Carden is awaiting further communication from the Association's attorney.

- **Fort Lauderdale Federal Courthouse (Brian Shure & Diane Carr)**

This project includes works funded by the General Services Administration (GSA) for the new federal courthouse in Fort Lauderdale. Both pieces are currently in the fabrication stages. The works will be featured on an outdoor wall as well as indoors flanking each courtroom.

- **E. Clay Shaw Bridge – Broward County Cultural Division (Tracy Dear)**

Mr. Carden explained that this work was commissioned by the Broward County Cultural Division. He is working to facilitate efforts between the City and County for this project, which includes substantial partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as well as utilities, engineering, and permitting requirements. Plans for seasonal holiday lighting displays on the bridge have recently been submitted to FDOT. The project's primary lighting will be red, white, and blue. Funding for this \$5 million project will be provided by Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, Port Everglades, Visit Lauderdale, and private businesses on the waterway. The project is estimated to be completed in three years.

- **Carlos Luna's Horse**

This work is currently in fabrication. Mr. Carden will meet with the architects and general contractor in early June to discuss the cost of this project. It has not yet been determined where the work might be placed due to its space requirements. The piece has been donated to the City by the Laird Trust. The Board members discussed possible locations for the work.

- **Veteran's Trust Mural (Dean Davis) – Fire Station #49**

Mr. Carden recalled that both the Board and the City Commission have approved the Dean Davis piece for Fire Station #49. The work has been donated by the Veterans Trust and agreements are in place. The City is awaiting an updated rendering from the artist.

- **2024 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame – May 25 at 3 p.m.**

A ceremony for the 2024 Fort Lauderdale Walk of Fame is scheduled for May 25, 2024 at 3 p.m. and will be part of the City's Great American Beach Party. Artists to be honored include Guy Harvey, Carlton B. Moore, and Bruce Roberts.

5. New Business / Board Comments

Ms. Vegas stated that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at Huizenga Park on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. She also noted that Visit Lauderdale has partnered with artist Avi Ram for a number of promotional videos.

6. Communications to the Commission

None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by K. McGuire, Prototype, Inc.]