

Urbandale Public Arts Committee

April 8, 2021

I. Call to Order - Character Counts Statement: Rob read the Character Counts Statement as follows:

Urbandale is a national leader in CHARACTER COUNTS! endeavoring at all times to promote and model the principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. In conducting this afternoon's meeting, we expect that all participants will act in a respectful manner consistent with these principles.

II: Roll Call

Present: Rob Hilbert, Mindy Sauer, Carol Holmquist, Terri Steinke, Susan Rhodes, Jim Reese, Cate Newberg

Absent: Doug Adamson,

Advisory: Jan Herke, Bruce Bernard

III: Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Financials: Moved and passed to approve Minutes and Financials.

IV. Director's Report – Jan Herke, Urbandale Director of Parks and Recreation:

Jan shared three of the four sculptures have been installed at the sculpture park and the 4th one will be done soon. Earth work is starting at the Walnut Regional Park – Community Open Space Project.

V. Reports/Updates

A. Recommendations for Openings on the Urbandale Public Art Committee: Interviews were done and there were three very qualified candidates. It was decided to expand the scope of the PAC and look into having all 3 presented as candidates. Jan will present that to the Mayor. If it is opposed, we chose the top candidate as a back-up. The by-laws allow for up to 15 members. It was moved by Mindy and seconded by Jim to ask for three candidates to be appointed. Motion passed. Jan will let us know.

B. Ottocast Evaluation: We will renew for this year and get more statistical information for next year. Jan does know there was a bit of an increase of usage. It was the consensus that it is a nice addition for the artist/public interaction. The cost of 5 art pieces for a total of \$300.

C. Walnut Creek Regional Park Commissioned Art Application Review/Discussion: After looking at all the artists' work as a group, we went over the top five tallies. Carol saw that her #1 artist choice was not in the tally so we did a vote for our top 3. Those three artists were selected (Cecelia Lueza, Seth Palmiter, Nathan Pierce) and Jan will notify them of the next steps. Jan will also contact the library to see if we can reserve space for a model for the selected artist and piece. We will put out some feelers to get community members to be involved in the process. Perhaps a teacher and student from Des Moines Christian, Bravo, the Fire Department by the regional park and maybe someone from the Chamber. Rob recommended to remind the artists to build in any travel and shipping of art and to stick with the 40k budget. Jan will email an updated timeline to everyone. We are planning on the installation being next spring.

D. Splash Art Update (if time): We have some butterflies to finish up. Cate is wondering if we can get more. We can aim for a total of 5-7. Manhole covers are still in progress. The city can power wash and get them ready as well as supplies. The picnic tables have been painted and distributed.

VI. New or Other Business: Clint is working on the replacement piece for the Douglas Interchange.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2021

Other Items on Deck or on Hold:

- *Mural*
- *High School Student Representative*
- *Strategic Plan Review/Check-In*
- *Median Artwork (May Item)*