

Minutes of the Bellaire Cultural Arts Board (BCAB) Meeting

Mar 9, 2016

I. Action Item:

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Chair Terry Leavitt-Chavez with a quorum.

Board members present: Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Jennifer Hawes, Andy Williamson, Jane Williams, Anita Mehta

Others present: Michael Fife, City Council Liaison; Diane White - Asst. City Manager, Staff Liaison; Pat McLaughlan, City Councilman, Position 4.

Board members absent: Lisa Risoli, Jacquelyn Quick.

II. Action Item:

Adoption of Minutes - Last month's minutes were approved (motion proposed by Jane Williams and seconded by Jennifer Hawes and the Board approved unanimously).

III. Forum for Public Comments: see Pat McLaughlan's comments under C. below.

IV. Business Items:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION ON

- **A. Recap and Follow-up to March 7, 2016 City Council Art Board Presentations;** Chair – Terry Leavitt-Chavez up-dated BCAB on the outcome of her Monday presentation as follows:- 1) "Branding" - recommendation was withdrawn pending further discussion and collaboration with all stakeholders. 2) The recommendation to place banners on all street lights in the Bellaire Blvd corridor was approved and will proceed; 3) The recommendation to place "double banners" on the decorative lights in Paseo Park was not approved at this time. This project may deserve further consideration in the context of a broader plan for Paseo Park as previously suggested by Michael Fife. 4) The art doors project [purchase of five doors] for display in Paseo Park was approved and will proceed as soon as possible. Diane White advised that she had already spoken with a representative of the Texan French Alliance for Art about installation. The plan is to "roll out" the opening with a forthcoming City "event" but it was felt that the upcoming Trolley Run was too soon; 5) Approval was received for go-ahead with painting of the remaining four City-owned utility boxes in Bellaire.
- **B. Metro Mini Mural Box Recap and Status;** Chair - Terry Leavitt-Chavez deferred to Diane White who reported that Metro / Up-studio and the City of Bellaire were processing paperwork to make sure that protocols were being followed [appropriate insurance in place, suitable mock-ups etc.].
- **C. Bellaire Library Drop-Box as part of Mini Mural Program** – Terry Leavitt-Chavez mentioned that she had received communication from Mary Cohrs, Library Director, Ali Septumus, President, Friends of the Library and John Munday that there was interest for the library drop box to be part of the mini mural program After discussion, **Jane Williams proposed a**

motion [seconded by Anita Mehta and unanimously approved BCAB] for the Library Drop Box painting to be adopted as part of the utility box beautification program and to seek funding from City Council for funding.

- **D. Artwork Inventory** – Asst. Secretary, Jane Williams had spoken with Mary Cohrs, Library Director and established that she does have access to a data base that would be suitable for art inventory purposes [located in the Houston Public Library]. Jane Williams advised that Mary Cohrs was very "engaged" in working on this project and very knowledgeable on the subject. However, there are some "definitional" issues....such as what actually constitutes "art" and should be included in the inventory! Mary Cohrs had mentioned such things as historical walk etchings; manhole covers; house numbers "tiled" into the curb on certain streets; and a mosaic at Evergreen pool.as well as more obvious pieces such as the historic quilt that hangs in the City Building. Jane Williams and Mary Cohrs are going to continue refining the details and definitions.
- **E. BCAB Recommendation to support the [Pilot] City Light Program** – Chair, Terry Leavitt-Chavez summarized the voting for the City street light program on Newcastle St. which had been presented by Brant Gary at the February meeting. After brief recap it was **tabled by Jane Williams, seconded by Jennifer Hawes and unanimously approved by members to forward a motion for BCAB to provide its support and guidance to the pilot city light program.**

V. New Business / March Agenda Items

- Art for sale
- Budget.....call for donations
- Master-plan
- Cultural food

VI. Comments from Board Members

- None

VII. Adjournment - Motion to close (Andy Williamson), seconded (Jennifer Hawes) and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Williamson

Next Meeting: April 13, 2016