

URBANDALE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

DECEMBER 18, 2019

The Urbandale Parks and Recreation Commission met in session on December 18, 2019, at the Urbandale City Hall Council Chambers. Members answering roll call were Rowley, Bouslog, Devine, Richardson, Henderson, Bewyer. Jan Herke, and Kevin James from the Park & Recreation Department also attended.

Devine called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and read the Character Counts statement.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the November 20, 2019, minutes. Henderson moved to approve the minutes and Rowley seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Henderson, Rowley, Devine, Richardson, Bewyer. Nays: none. Passes: Bouslog. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was 2020-2021 Art Park Exhibition Sculptures. On October 14, 2019, the Public Art Committee (PAC) extended an invitation to artists to submit a "Call to Artists" application to participate in the 2020-2021 Urbandale Art Park Exhibition.

The artwork will be secured to concrete pads in the Urbandale Art Park for an 11 month exhibition during 2020-2021. Selected artists would receive a \$1,500 stipend for loaning the work for the exhibition time period. ICAP will insure the four sculptures after installation while on exhibition under the City's property coverage.

The PAC received a total of 28 applications for the Art Park, reviewed the applications, and made a recommendation for the top four sculptures for the Art Park Exhibition. The artists and pieces include Matt Miller: "Flight", Tim Adams: "The Sound of Color", Victoria Neiman Reed: "The Unending Ache", and V. Skip Willits: "Red Text Figure".

Staff recommends approval of the 4 pieces of artwork. Bouslog moved to approve staff recommendation and Rowley seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Bouslog, Rowley, Devine, Richardson, Henderson, Bewyer. Nays: none. Passes: none. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Public Art Purchase. As per the "Art Park Artist Agreement", the City has the opportunity to purchase any of the sculptures to add to the City's permanent Public Art Collection on City property. The purchase price would not be greater than the price indicated on the Artist Application, less 25% commission since the city is purchasing the item. The sculpture(s) would be purchased from funds set-aside in the Capital Improvements Program allocated for Public Art.

At its December, 2019, meeting, the Public Art Committee (PAC) recommended purchasing two sculptures currently on display at the Art Park to be added to the City's permanent Public Art inventory: "Atlas" – by artist James Bearden for \$6,000 and "The Butterfly Dress" – by artist Kyle Fokken for \$4,500.

Staff recommends approval of the purchase. The sculptures would become part of the permanent art collection for the City of Urbandale and would be purchased from funds in the Capital Improvements Program allocated for Public Art. Bouslog moved to approve staff recommendation and Henderson seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Bouslog, Henderson, Bewyer, Richardson, Devine, Rowley. Nays: none. Passes: none. Motion carried.

The next item was Public art Donation to the City (MidAmerican Group). In 2005, Northpark Business Park along Northpark Drive in Urbandale was being developed. The City entered into a development agreement with Mid-America Group, Ltd. and as part of that agreement, MidAmerica Group commissioned a sculpture for the Northpark Business Park. Artist Mac Hornacker created a sculpture called "Hills, Fields, Wind and Rain," which is located in the City-owned right-of-way along the 8800 block of Northpark Drive. The Artwork is valued at \$112,800, and is 15' x 26' x 62' in size.

Mid-America Group wishes at this time to donate the artwork to the City of Urbandale at no cost. The City would become owners of the artwork, would insure the sculpture, and be responsible for any maintenance required in the future. Mid-America Group is not aware of any particular maintenance requirements for the piece and there are no other agreements or contracts pertaining to the art piece. The Public Art Committee is supportive of the donation.

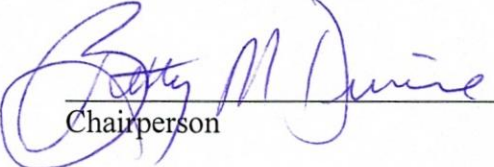
Staff recommends approval of the donation. Rowley moved to approve staff recommendation and Bouslog seconded the motion. On roll call: Ayes: Rowley, Bouslog, Devine, Richardson, Henderson, Bewyer. Nays: none. Passes: none. Motion carried.

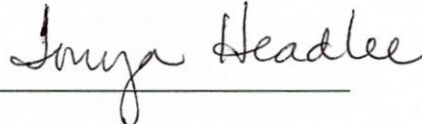
There were no Citizen Comments.

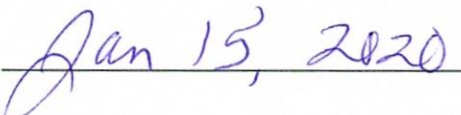
The next item was Director's Reports. The CIP will go to the City Council meeting in January. Budget requests have gone to the City Manager and Finance Director. Parks will have a busy year in 2020. The All-Inclusive Playground playground installation will be in the spring. LED Light conversion is completed in some facilities. Discussion followed. In 2020, flushable toilets will be installed in some parks, a natural playground will be installed, two additional open shelters, Phase 2 & 3 will be completed at Dunlap Park, and many other projects. A dog park is proposed at the North Plant location for 2022 once the new PW/Parks building is completed.

The next item was Chairman's Items. Bouslog stated that his 5 years on the Commission will end this year. He stated he was honored to be a part of the progress that the Commission made. Devine asked staff to review the committees that should have Commission representation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


Chairperson

ATTEST: 


Date