

**Urbandale Public Arts Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated protocols, this meeting of the Urbandale Public Art Committee is being held electronically. The City of Urbandale will still provide public access via a WebEx virtual meeting application. Meeting minutes will continue to be transcribed, and upon approval will be available online or via the Parks and Recreation Department.

I. Call to order and Character Counts Statement:

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, Carol Holmquist, Terri Steinke, Jim Reese, Mindy Sauer, Doug Adamson, Cate Newberg

Absent: Susan Rhodes

Advisory: Jan Herke, Bruce Bernard

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting's Minutes: approved unanimously
- B. Finance Report: approved unanimously.

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

-Paul Burkett Memorial Paver: Jan has contacted Mary Burkett who indicated her appreciation of the decision to recognize Paul's contribution to the PAC and to the community. She will let Jan know what she would like to have engraved. Jan noted that the paver will not be installed until spring.

-2021-22 Public Art budget request—general fund: Jan requested \$14,000 again for the next fiscal year, allocated in identical amounts/line items as the current budget.

-Douglas Avenue Interchange project-update—after much negotiation between the City and Clint Hansen, the artist, the City agreed to bear the cost of a review of the replacement sculpture by a structural engineer. Clint is in the process of creating the replacement.

V. Reports/Updates

- A. **-PAC Opening.** Members are encouraged to recruit candidates for the vacancy. Anyone who is interested will need to fill out the Boards/Commission application which can be found on the City website. Candidates must live in the City. To date no applications have been received.
- B. **-Discussion-Walnut Creek Regional Park Open Space –** Rob offered his thoughts then excused himself to participate in a work commitment. Vice President Mindy Sauer facilitated the discussion, providing an overview of options that were discussed during the December meeting then asking for input from the Committee, Jan and Bruce. A wide ranging discussion ensued with the members discussing the offerings provided by the Randolph Rose Collection, the sculpture created by Minnesota artist Sam Spizcka for the Douglas Avenue Interchange project as well as the possibility of commissioning a piece.

Consideration was given to where the sculpture will be placed, size, what message the

Committee wants to convey to the public, the positioning of the sculpture in relation to other current and potential park amenities, visibility, costs, available funding, timing in relation to other development at the site and other important considerations.

It was agreed that the Committee is most supportive of commissioning a piece, recognizing that many details will need to be worked out as they were when the Centennial sculpture was commissioned in 2016/17. Jan agreed to work on a possible time-line and RFP in time for the February meeting.

VI. New or Other Business:

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 11, 2021

Other Items on Deck or on Hold:

- *Splash Art*
- *Mural*
- *High School Student Representative*
- *Strategic Plan Review/Check-In*

Submitted by: Bruce Bernard