



City of Rockwall
The New Horizon

Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Council Chamber Conference Room – 385 S. Goliad Street, Rockwall, Texas – June 7, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chris Kosterman, Ginger Womble, Chris Kingsley, Fr. Seán Martin, Kindsay Carter, Ashlei Neill

Absent: Susan Guzman

Staff: Bethany Browning, Art Board Liaison

Guests: Heidi Howard

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:11PM.
2. **Open Forum:** Closed at 1:18PM.
3. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - A. **Introduction of board members and brief orientation, Chris Kosterman, Bethany Browning.** Chris welcomed new board members and asked each of the members to provide a brief introduction. Chris went over the printed materials staff had created for a brief orientation, specifically outlining the history of the program, funding and current projects.
 - B. **Review and act on the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes:** Ginger Womble made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Ashlei Neill seconded the motion, passing 6-0.
 - C. **Brief recap of the Butterfly Reveal and installation status, Bethany Browning:** Butterfly installation has begun, with the full installation by June 10. Staff explained that City Administration asked the Parks Department to rotate the butterflies quarterly versus leaving them in each park permanently. Commissioners expressed they were pleased with the change, as it allows each park/location to experience a different sculpture.
 - D. **Update and discussion on the LOVE, Rockwall art project, Ginger Womble:**
 - Ginger provided members with a rendering of the proposed design, with units standing 5' to 6' in height
 - She explained the history of the project; how it originated as I LOVE ROCKWALL and transitioned to ♥, R
 - Influencers can help drive traffic to the sites; once approved and installed/QR codes can also be incorporated
 - Some structures may need a base – while others may not – TBD upon site selection
 - Metal units may be wrapped vs. painted; easier for maintenance; each R a unique design
 - The ♥ will include stickers that represent Rockwall area public art – similar in style to a traveling suitcase
 - Once the order is placed – turnaround is 3 to 4 weeks
 - E. **Project pipeline ideas and discussion, Chris Kosterman:**
 - Sailboat bench project – explained the idea behind the project but no follow up requested at this time.
 - Student art rotation – the board discussed in brief detail and agreed the project may require more time and labor than the board can effectively provide. It was also mentioned that bringing local businesses on board for participation could prove challenging, based on the artwork style itself, as well as placement.
 - Fr. Seán inquired about City of Rockwall gateways, how they are identified and the possibility of exploring such sites for public art installations. The board identified a few, Horizon Rd. exit coming from the east, HWY 66 bridge coming from the east. The board was interested in further exploration of this idea and added the project to the pipeline.
 - Ginger asked the board their opinion on her purchasing the fiberglass butterfly the City of Rockwall purchased as a test unit. Ginger is interested in hosting a scholarship opportunity for a high school artist. The board was in support of the idea and agreed to assist with the process as needed. Staff to follow up with City Administration.
4. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:15PM..

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ART COMMISSION, CITY OF ROCKWALL, THIS 5th DAY OF JULY 2022.