

**MINUTES**  
**HOT SPRINGS ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**December 14, 2021 12:00 PM**  
**111 Opera Street, Suite A**

**1. Roll Call of Committee Members**

Committee Members present: Dale Blackwelder, Alix Stafford, June Simmons, Nan Cameron, and JoAnn Mangione. Excused: Kara Gunter and Eli Vega. Staff: Kathleen Fason, Anthony Whittington.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Alix made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 agenda. June seconded. Motion passed.

**3. Approval of the Minutes**

Nan made a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes. Alix seconded. Motion passed.

**4. Introduction of Guests** Patrick Cunningham and his wife Ann McFadden.

**5. Business:** Nan made a motion to add a current mural application to the agenda. June seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Our guest, Patrick Cunningham, presented the mural proposal for 620 Central Avenue. His proposal is scheduled to be presented to the Historic District Commission meeting on January 20, 2022. The mural will be painted onto a metal framework with an aluminum skin over it. It will be 4 ft x 10 ft and will attach to the building with bolts. This will allow for the mural to be moved in the future if necessary. After further discussion Nan made a motion to approve the mural application with a two-week public input period. Dale seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**A. 2022 Purchasing Processes and Procedures:** Anthony went over the need for a call for artists. Portfolios should be submitted and the city's Rate and Rank forms should be filed when bids for jobs are submitted on all future art projects. He explained that the R&R forms can be customized to reflect the areas that need to be addressed per project.

**B. City of Hot Springs Code of Ethics:** Anthony read over the City's Code of Ethics. He explained that with three new members on the committee he felt it was a good time to go over it.

**C. Tranquility Garden:** Nan spoke to Sissy Bennett regarding a donation of stones for the entryway. No answer in the affirmative at this time. JoAnn forwarded a drawing of the entrance and a picture of the area along the greenway where the garden will be located to Sissy. She will also forward those items to committee members. Dale has not yet contacted Tri-Lakes Ornamental regarding the donation or a quote for the lettering needed for the entryway. He will have that information at the January meeting. Anthony is still waiting for a quote from Arturo on the stone wall project. Committee will review again at January meeting.

**D. Report from Sub-Committee: Call for Artists and Artist Registry:** JoAnn suggested a budget and timeline was needed to vote on the Exhibition is being planned. Nan spoke to that item and explained that it would be very time consuming and there was much to decide in preparation of the call for artists. She doesn't feel like the Exhibition should happen in 2022 but should be planned for 2023. All committee members present agreed. Work will continue on the call for artist form and artist registry.

**E. Grants, Fundraising Suggestions:** No input from committee members.

**6. Arts Advisory Committee comments:** Dale suggested a project for David F. Watkins Memorial Park. His idea is to block off the wall of the neighboring motel into sections and invite artists to paint murals on each section. All committee members present agreed with this idea and it was further discussed and will be addressed further after the call for artist and artist registry is completed.

7. **Parks & Trails Director comments:** Anthony thanked the members for their service and dedication during the last couple of years in spite of the pandemic. He looks forward to a new year.

8. **Adjournment**

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 12:00 P.M., Parks Conference Room, 111 Opera Street, Suite A.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Whittington, Director  
Parks & Trails Department

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dale Blackwelder, Chairman  
Arts Advisory Committee