

MINUTES
Orlando Public Art Advisory Board
March 10, 2015

The Orlando Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) met on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 4:00 p.m., at Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Board Members Present (Attended/Absent):

Maria Guerrero	(5/0), Chair	Roberto Gonzalez	(4/1)
Jim Lussier	(5/0), Vice Chair	Monte Olinger	(5/0)
Victoria Cerrone	(3/2)	Melissa Schumann	(4/1)

Board Members Absent:

Erin O'Leary	(2/3)	Resigned
Sonja Haltiwanger	(2/3)	Resigned

Also Present: Terry Olson, Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs
Abdullah Tharoo, Pay Konzept Merchant Services, LLC, President

City Staff Present: Robert Bowden, Deputy Director, Orlando Venues Department
Paul Wenzel, Public Art Coordinator, Orlando Venues Department
Antoinette Ashman, Recording Secretary, Orlando Venues Department

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Maria Guerrero called the meeting to order at **4:08 p.m.**, and a quorum was determined.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015 MINUTES:

It was moved by **Melissa Schumann** and seconded by **Victoria Cerrone** to approve the February 10, 2015 board minutes. There was no discussion. It was approved by all.

3. CITIZENS REMARKS:

Abdullah Tharoo, a volunteer on the City of Orlando's Nomination Board, and President of Pay Konzept Merchant Services, LLC, explained about the new official pin for board members. Mr. Tharoo presented the PAAB members on behalf of the City of Orlando, Mayor Buddy Dyer and the City's Nomination Board with the official pin created for all volunteer City Board members in recognition of their valuable contribution to the community.

Ms. Guerrero, Mr. Lussier, Ms. Cerrone, Mr. Gonzalez, Mr. Olinger and Ms. Schumann received their pins.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Florida Health Village SunRail Station Finalists

The committee has narrowed its selection to three finalists to present proposals for the SunRail Station at Florida Hospital. The three finalists are Martha Lent, James T. Piercey and the team of Cherie Bosela and Lou Ann Weeks. The final art applicants were not only the strongest artists but they had glass, mosaic and painting experience along with being from the local community. The committee would like a PAAB member to be on the final selection committee. The deadline to submit the proposals are on Friday, April 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at City Hall's Synergy room on the 2nd floor. Monte Olinger will be on the final selection committee. The selection committee consists of Paul Wenzel, Jason Burton and Jody Berry with Florida Hospital.

B. Bloomberg Challenge Grant

Mr. Wenzel updated the board on the Bloomberg Challenge Grant. The City of Orlando was not one of the 12 finalists for this two-year grant. Discussion ensued on the Bloomberg grant.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lake Highland Sculpture Donation

Mr. Wenzel shared information on Lake Highland Prep "Art Week" Project celebration of the arts. The purpose of this art project is to create awareness of the arts through participation. All students are involved in this project helping to create the tiles that make up the image. The 3-soup cans concept will

be 2 to 3 feet in height, sitting on a white or clear Lucite stand. It will be covered with glass tiles as a mosaic and the seal on one of the cans will be the “Orlando City Beautiful” seal. The students at Lake Highland Preparatory School have created artwork pieces in the past for Arnold Palmer Hospital and Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts. Holly Hatcher, a parent volunteer, helped organize this community service project for students for the past two years. The created piece will likely be a permanent sculpture donated to the City of Orlando and installed at City Hall.

B. Downtown Orlando (DTO) Response Status

Paul Wenzel confirmed that board members received the Downtown Orlando recommendations report. Mr. Wenzel informed the board on speaking with Thomas Chatmon, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Board and Community Redevelopment Agency. The purpose of this report is to give the Project DTO Executive Advisory Committee the information it needs to formulate policy recommendations to the City of Orlando and the Orlando Community Redevelopment Agency. This “Findings of Need” is a report of what was learned. It provides a contemporary contextual picture of Downtown Orlando as it relates to the focus area and it also reflects what the community wants for Downtown Orlando. The Project DTO Task Force committee is still reviewing the research material from a variety of public outreach sources. The Board discussed Project DTO’s cultural recommendations (Project Advancing Downtown Orlando, Arts and Culture).

The Board discussed the three bullet points under Item 15 on Page 19 of the DTO recommendations report. Victoria Cerrone, Melissa Schumann and Monte Olinger suggested a letter to commend the DTO committee. The board drafted a letter of support to send to the DDB and Thomas C. Chatmon.

Abdullah Tharoo left at 4:43 p.m.

Terry Olson informed the board on Orange County Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs offering artists the opportunity to receive a commission, sell their art or loan their art for display.

Robert Bowden updated the board on Leu Gardens’ and the current “Ribbit the Exhibit” sculptures on display through March 31st, the Watercolor paintings in the Gardens Gallery, a grant request to repair the Lake Rowena Overlook currently closed for safety reasons and the upcoming annual Plant Sale weekend.

Paul Wenzel informed the board on a UCF Faculty Reception on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Jim Lussier read the draft letter of support to Project DTO Task Force and Mr. Chatmon to board members for review and approval.

It was moved by Monte Olinger and seconded by Melissa Schumann to send the letter of support as written to DTO and Executive Director Thomas Chatmon. There was no discussion. It was approved by all unanimously. This letter of support will be attached to the minutes for City Council record.

6. DISCUSSION: None.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens. **There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.**

Antoinette Ashman, Recording Secretary