

ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FL

March 21, 2023

The meeting of the Arts and Culture Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Colombo at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, March 21, 2023, in The Frank Art Gallery.

Present: Chair Colombo; Members Koren, Jordan and Pakiet-Mercado

Absent: Member Mirville and Pierce

Also Present: City Staff Liaison Holly Bonkowski, Assistant City Attorney Quentin Morgan, Linda Flynn Public Arts Plan Consulting Services, Susana Villegas Cultural Arts Assistant and Board Secretary Nicole Lafrance

OATH OF OFFICE:

New member Margeaux Pakiet-Mercado took the Oath of Office and introduced herself to the Board Members.

MINUTES:

There was no quorum.

ABSENCES:

There was no quorum.

REPORT OF LIAISON:

Liaison Bonkowski welcomed new Member Pakiet-Mercado and thanked Member Jordan for the recommendation. Liaison Bonkowski also welcomed Susanna Villegas the new Cultural Arts Assistant with the City of Pembroke Pines. Liaison Bonkowski mentioned the new teaching artist at Studio 18. Liaison Bonkowski then turned the Meeting over to Linda Flynn the Public Arts Plan Consultant.

Linda Flynn introduced herself as partner of the Cultural Planning Group that specialize in Public Art Master Plans for cities both big and small across the United States. The Cultural Planning Group is currently working on Master Plans for 4-5 cities within Florida, she went on to speak about her team members Rosario and David Saunders who is based out of California and will be advising with this Master Plan from afar. Linda Flynn spoke about their company's experience and how they have seen a resurgence in Public Art in the last 7-8 years and they had just finished a Master Plan for the City of Naples. Linda Flynn also mentioned the national examples and Santa Clara Water District in California where they had a voter mandate to include public art. Chair Colombo asked what their company did for the City of Naples, Linda Flynn responded that they did their Master Plan and strategic plans based of tourism in Collier County as well as three plans in the Bay Shore area.

Linda Flynn also mentioned in St Petersburg they did a public arts piece by Janet Echelman an artist from the Tampa area. The City of Tampa raised 2.1 million dollars for this art piece that is on display at the St Petersburg pier, the artists inspiration came from a trip she took to Portugal and fishing nets.

Linda Flynn went on to discuss the values of the community within a Public Art Plan and how Pembroke Pines has made a lot of progress within the public arts, including The Frank gallery as well as Studio 18. Linda also mentioned how when making a Master Plan for the Public Arts there can be lots of technicalities and ordinances and mentioned she will be meeting with the city's lawyers tomorrow. Linda went on to discuss when doing public art the importance

it is to have community engagement. Chair Colombo mentioned she was happy to hear about the community's involvement and engagement.

Linda Flynn went on to explain that a public art collection needs to have the diversity of thought, diversity of art and artists and how sometimes it can be difficult for Public Art Committees to not want to only go with art that they like personally and the guidelines where making decisions meet criteria and quality. Linda explained they keep in mind the location of artwork for maintenance and conservation when approving a project.

Linda Flynn mentioned that her company have done a tour of the community and have looked at background documents, they will be starting internal stakeholder interviews with City Staff tomorrow. Linda says her company will also be doing a community surveys and assessments on potential locations and projects as well as looking at ordinances and policies.

Linda Flynn concluded by stating what she thinks is "success" it would be understanding the community vision and elevating awareness in PA, aligning with other city plans including park plans. Linda mentioned that once they define the engagement plan she will come back and speak to members to get some of their ideas. Chair Colombo asked for updates on the Public Art Plan be added to the Agendas.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liaison Bonkowski gave out a handout of "Our City" magazine which is an annual guide to what is best in the City and the readers voted Studio 18 the best arts facility in Pembroke Pines. Chair Colombo asked who puts this magazine out, is it mailed or mostly online, Liaison Bonkowski DRW puts this out though she is not sure how they distribute.

Liaison Bonkowski went on to speak on Inhabited, a new exhibition at The Frank starting March 30 and encouraged members to attend. Liaison Bonkowski stated that Juliana reached out to department to ask if members have anything that makes a house a home and incorporate that into the show. Liaison Bonkowski also mentioned that they are now accepting applications for the 18th Annual Art Competition. Member Jordan asked if Members Pakiet-Mercado's husband would be able to enter, Liaison Bonkowski answered that yes, he can enter and anyone 18 years and older can enter, that it is \$15 to enter and can submit up to 3 pieces.

Liaison Bonkowski also brought up the monthly Teen Art Club and that they have about 10-12 teens come to this activity. Liaison Bonkowski also mentioned for Pines Day they are doing a drop in craft Saturday April 22, Liaison Bonkowski is not sure of the concept yet, but she is working with a muralist on possibly doing an interactive temporary art installation. Liaison Bonkowski speaks about how Saturday April 21st is World Autism Awareness Day where there will be a Storytime held at The Frank at noon for the children. Lastly, Liaison Bonkowski talked about the Spring Into Art and Music event that will be May 11th which is fairly new, focusing on music classes and having kids doing showcases for their parents. Liaison Bonkowski mentioned how PetLand

sponsors this event so there will be puppies there, snacks and interactive shows for the children.

Chair Colombo asked how many entries there have been so far for the Annual Arts, Liaison Bonkowski replied they have had 24 entries and 23 of those have entered the maximum 3 pieces and the winner will be announced May 5th at the Art Competition Reception at 7PM.

REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no requests.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Colombo adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Lafrance

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Board Secretary

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 P.M.
Approved: