



**UrbanArt Commission
Public Art Oversight Committee (PAOC)
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 – 1 pm**

ATTENDEES:

PAOC:
Lisa Law
Ellen Daugherty
Patricia Daigle
Eso Tolson
Juaness Keplinger
Coriana Close

UAC:
Lauren Kennedy
Brett Hanover

APPROVALS:

- I. July 2020 Minutes
 - A. Law motions for approval. Motion approved.

UPDATES:

- I. Movable Collection - installations
 - A. Hanover - Art from last round of purchases is in. Eric Berg has completed installation of hanging systems in 7 library branches, using already purchased materials. Planning installation and printing test signage. There is already enough funding approved to add a few more branches. Kennedy - Another allocation/call is planned for 2021. Law asks what kind of programming is planned. Hanover - Library has been doing virtual programming; planning virtual artist talks once work is installed. 2 or 3 events to start with.
- II. Dunbar Elementary
 - A. Kennedy - Desmond has changed the handprint idea for bench, and is instead proposing using Trex material. Collecting handprints would be difficult at the moment, and Trex will address the heat concerns. "DUNBAR" letters will be painted purple to match the school colors. We



have also worked out the issue with getting more detailed drawings to the fabricator.

Close and Daugherty - Material change to Trex composite is a good idea.

Daigle - Will some letters look smaller because of positioning?

Kennedy - Yes, they are staggered, but the spacing won't read that way. The bench is not very deep.

Close moves to approve the updates, Daugherty seconds. Motion approved. (Keplinger votes no.)

Keplinger - Will the piece still feel cohesive?

Kennedy - Both are steel, but the bench is painted. Design is consistent with the original proposal.

Keplinger - I have consistently voted against this project because it does not seem youthful or contemporary. Removing handprints was a good idea, for technical reasons, but it now seems less consistent with the pedestals.

Close asks if issues about layering of metal on pedestals has been addressed. Kennedy says that it has, in new, better renderings.

III. Cossitt Library

A. Kennedy - There was a question about song lyrics on the sculpture, and copyright. The text is on the cover of the book, with the bird as the pages in-between.

Daigle - Was the text supposed to be original contributions from community members?

Kennedy - There were always some lyrics, suggested by the artists, included along with the community-contributed text. We also shared Eso's note on the spacing of the text, and it has been changed to feel more balanced. Most of the included lyrics are public domain W.C. Handy lyrics.

Close - Has the current text been edited to address copyright issues?

Kennedy - Yes.

Daugherty - It looks like a lot of text has changed since July. I was surprised by how many song lyrics are now included.

IV. Landmarks - application

Kennedy - We are aiming to bring a selection committee and draft application to the September meeting. Application will be based on the Neighborhood Art Initiative process. Neighborhoods selected by Landmarks committee would be brought to PAOC for approval. Then a discovery process would begin - community engagement, finding a site,



putting together a project-specific committee. This committee would put together an artist call, and the rest of the process would be similar to other city projects.

V. Other project updates

- A. Kennedy - No updates on Lester Merriwether (paint touch ups still needed) or John Golightly. Shannette has been working to figure out a mentorship component for the Whitehaven projects. L.E. Brown park proposals due before the end of August. JFK park sculpture installation planned for spring. Tobacco Brown's fabrication is complete; she's working to find a time to install. Joseph Boyd is completing the DMP project. Terry Lynn will have final design documents in the next 1-2 months. Yvonne Bobo plans to install the Raleigh project soon. Cordova project design process will be completed in the fall, with installation planned for spring.

Round of applause for Ellen Daugherty - last day on committee.

Meeting adjourns.