



**UrbanArt Commission
Public Art Oversight Committee
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 1 pm**

Attendance: Jen Prudhome-Booker, Takeysha Johnson, Yvonne Jones, Kate Roberts, C. Rose Smith, Eso Tolson

UAC staff: Richard Echols, Lakeisha Edwards, Belinda Herrera, Kelly Seagraves, Kayla J. Smith-Hardy, Travis Washington,

APPROVALS

I. Project Approvals

Echols starts the meeting. Quorum was not met in January, so Smith-Hardy states there are no previous meeting notes to approve. Smith-Hardy shares additionally there are no project approvals for February, but the team has project milestone updates for PAOC.

UPDATES

II. Other Project Updates

a. Orange Mound Library & Genealogy Center Sculpture

Smith-Hardy states that artist Daniel Moore traveled to Memphis last weekend for a community event highlighting the Orange Mound Library and Genealogy Center sculpture. Smith-Hardy says this event was well attended and multigenerational. Moore talked about his design concept and inspiration for creating this piece. Residents got to ask questions and share some of their own personal connection to the neighborhood.

Moore plans to return to Memphis in the spring to install the sculpture. Smith-Hardy adds that UAC partnered with RiverArts Fest to have a paint by numbers activity led by Darlene Newman. Newman is a local artist on the selection committee for this project.

b. Orange Mound Accelerate Sculpture

Smith-Hardy announces that the Metal Museum is ready to start installing the Orange Mound neighborhood marker. The site location is at the intersection of Park and Airways. Smith-Hardy adds that the Metal Museum team needs the City to remark the site, so that coordination has now happened. The installation date is to be determined, but the committee is in the loop and ready to plan this dedication. The dedication will align with celebrating Orange Mound's 135th anniversary.

c. Frayser Library Movable Collection

Echols notes that UAC was able to recently install some directly purchased 2023 Movable Collection pieces into the Frayser Library. The Frayser Library is almost ready for their grand opening.

d. Frayser Library - Amanda Nalley

Echols shared the last update he received was that the Frayer library will be ready to open in April. Echols shows images of fabricated pieces from Amanda Nalley's interactive mural. Echols adds that the next steps are 100% installation and final acceptance.

Roberts and Booker-Prudhome comment that the fabricated pieces look fantastic. Echols notes that ribbon cutting and unveiling would likely be a huge event, and he is excited to see all the components come together for this community.

e. South City- Accelerate sculpture

Washington announces that artist Suzy Hendrix (now maiden last name) has one sculpture installed. Suzy is working with MCC to address other water draining issues that are keeping the remaining completed sculptures from being installed.

Washington adds that artist Khara Woods created the mural and asphalt designs. Anthony Lee will finish partnering with Suzy to get this portion completed. Washington displays images of the painted underpass that received treatment and had to be approved by a railroad company. This project is in partnership with Accelerate Memphis. Washington shares that the asphalt portion has been paved and laid. Asphalt treatment will be taking place in March and hopefully completed by mid-April. Washington notes it is ideal that the remaining sculpture pieces would be installed during this time as well at the intersection of Mississippi Boulevard, S Lauderdale St., and Georgia Ave.

f. L.E. Brown Park sculpture

Washington reminds the committee that the last update on this project was a request for contingency. Washington shares that artist Arnold Thompson has made a lot of progress since. Thompson has been connected to fabricator Lewis Body, who was able to fabricate the rings that are an essential part of the sculpture. Washington adds that the foundation is poured too, and between UAC and Parks the team finally found a reliable vendor for this. Washington shares an image of the foundation being poured at L.E. Brown Park in the South City area. Fabricator Body is now working on the connecting shrouds for the sculpture.

Smith-Hardy adjourns the meeting.

[Upcoming \(Zoom\) Meeting Dates @ 1:00 PM:](#)

March 12, 2025