

MINUTES

May 16, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Public Art Advisory Commission

Studio, Muscatine Art Center, 1314 Mulberry Avenue

Present: Brad Roeth, Thalia Sutton, Krista Regennitter, Jim Elias, Melanie Alexander, Rich Klimes

Absent: Paul Minicucci

Guest(s): None

Melanie Alexander, City staff liaison to the Public Art Advisory Commission, called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes from the February 21, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Jim Elias moved to approve the minutes, Thalia Sutton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roeth and Elias will complete two terms of three years each at the end of June 2025, therefore this is the final commission meeting for them.

Discussed lighting for the Zenith sculpture. Power is available to the curb and empty conduit is already installed under the street pavement to the sculpture. Musco provided recommendations on lighting. Everything is ready to order and install the lights.

Mary Alice Sessler was approved by City Council as a new member for the commission. Other potential future candidates were discussed.

Spreadsheet inventory of public art in Muscatine was shared, Melanie will share the electronic version via Google Drive. Commission members are asked to contribute to the spreadsheet for items they are knowledgeable about. MPW is developing an interactive map of Muscatine and it will include some of the public art installations. An example website from the City of Ottumwa was shared as an example of highlighting public art.

The location for installing the MPW bike sculptures has been settled at the "west" corner of Grandview and Houser (northwest of Grandview, southwest of Houser, south of Mittman).

Discussed the Jefferson school crosswalk art project. The City had received three applications from artists. The selected artist will be holding public input sessions, one for school children and one for the general public. The public input will be held soon according to the proposed schedule. The painting is intended to happen later this summer.

Discussed the Susie Clark graphics planned for the bus shelter near City Hall. Funding is secured, design is complete, waiting on installation. City Council wants to consider this as a pilot project before committing to other bus shelter locations.

Discussed possible sculpture for downtown sidewalk. Weikert family was not interested in participating in the opportunity. No other leads and nothing further planned at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.