

Public Arts Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025 – 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - 300 Country Club Road, Building #100, Wylie, Texas 75098



CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by board member Cassie Dyson at 6:07 pm. Board members present included: Esther Bellah, Steve Shank, and Manoj Padhi. Board member Afshan Khan arrived at 6:13 pm, Board members Chantelle McMurrin and Gloria Suarez were absent.

PAAB Coordinator Carole Ehrlich and Parks and Recreation Supervisor Julie Pannell also attended.

COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Any member of the public may address Council regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Members of the public must fill out a form prior to the meeting in order to speak. Council requests that comments be limited to three minutes for an individual, six minutes for a group. In addition, Council is not allowed to converse, deliberate or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.

No citizens came forward.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Overview of the 2024 Wylie Arts Festival

Board Discussion

PAC Ehrlich presented the 2024 Wylie Arts Festival total funds raised, at \$33,795. Ehrlich noted positive comments from the vendor survey and vendor requests for more food vendor options next year.

B. Discussion regarding the 2025 PAAB meeting dates

Board Discussion

Parks and Recreation Supervisor Pannell presented the 2025 PAAB meeting dates to the board. Due to a city holiday falling on the June regular meeting date, Pannell proposed an alternate date to the board. The board agreed to change the date and Pannell will present alternate dates at the next meeting.

C. Discussion regarding Phase 2, Walking Trails (Yoshi Write) update

Board Discussion

PAC Ehrlich updated the board that Yoshi's studio located in Altadena, California was lost in the wildfires and he has been unable to get in and access damages. Ehrlich noted Yoshi will provide an update on the state of the sculptures once he can access the property.

D. Discussion regarding Phase 3, Walking Trails Art (Sonny Behan) update

Board Discussion

PAC Ehrlich discussed a conversation had with artist Vandable regarding the four arrows in Behan's deer sculpture. After researching the philosophy of Native American tribes Ehrlich found it was inhumane to take a shot unless it was a clean shot to a vital organ so the animal would not suffer. Tribes would pray or sing songs after the kill, to thank the animal for giving its life. The board agreed we must honor that philosophy and remove the arrows from the maquette. They suggest adding moving grasses or some other items to show movement, which is important to the design.

E. Discussion regarding Phase 3 (2), Walking Trails (Seth Vandable)

Board Discussion

PAC Ehrlich reminded the board artist Seth Vandable would be presenting his maquette at the January 28th council meeting along with a PowerPoint presentation from artist Behan and asked board members to be in attendance.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Consider, and act upon, The Public Arts Advisory Board minutes from 12-11-2024.

Board Action

A motion was made by board member Shank, seconded by board member Bellah to approve the minutes of December 11, 2024, as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with board members McMurrian and Suarez absent.

2. Consider and act upon changes to the Wylie Public Arts Advisory Board bylaws.

Board Action

A motion was made by board member Shank, seconded by board member Khan to approve the changes to the Wylie Public Arts Advisory Board bylaws as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with board members McMurrian and Suarez absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Action

A motion was made by board member McMurrian, seconded by board member Shank to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with board members Bellah, and Suarez absent.

Cassie Dyson, Chair

ATTEST:

Julie Pannell, Secretary