



# Public Arts Advisory Board

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## Minutes

### Regular Meeting

March 22, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

300 Country Club Road, Bldg. 100

Wylie, TX 75098

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## CALL TO ORDER

*Announce the presence of a Quorum.*

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Esther Bellah at 6:10 pm. Members present included: John Treadwell, Esther Bellah, Anita Jones and Minerva Bediako. Board members Christina Null, Steve Shank, and Joseph Murdock were absent.

PAAB Coordinator Carole Ehrlich was also in attendance.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

*Residents may address the Board regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Residents must fill out a non-agenda form prior to the meeting in order to speak. The Board requests that comments be limited to three (3) minutes. In addition, the Board is not allowed to converse, deliberate, or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.*

No citizens were present to address the board.

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 1. Discussion regarding Wylie Public Art Banners and promotional items

The consensus of the board was to table the item until the next regular meeting when Chair Shank would be present to present the project.

### 2. Update regarding the Municipal Trails entry art, “Revery”

PAC Ehrlich gave a short report stating that she had been in contact with the artist and all paperwork for engineering, site plan and design had been approved by city staff. She is now working with the fabricator of the skeleton shell that will hold the mosaic designs.

Once that is completed, she will meet with a local contractor on site to discuss the base construction for the art piece.

### **3. Discussion regarding a Call for Artists for the Blackland Prairie Municipal Walking Trails**

#### **Board Discussion**

PAC Ehrlich reviewed the budget and timeline for two new pieces of art along the Municipal Walking Trails. She explained these would be sculptures depicting the early Caddo tribe settlers along this portion of the Blackland Prairie. She reported that each of the two sculptures would be at a cost of \$40,000. The funds would come from events funds. She stated that if this review was agreeable with the board, she would bring a Call for Artist to the next meeting so the process could begin with a call scheduled for April 24, 2023 with completion of the projects in September of 2024.

Consensus of the board was to move forward with consideration of a Call for Artists.

### **4. Discussion regarding the 2023 Bluegrass on Ballard Events**

#### **Board Discussion**

PAC Ehrlich reported she had received 71 vendor applications for the event. She reminded members it would take place on June 30, 2023.

### **5. Discussion regarding art on city owned electrical signal boxes to give scholarships to art students at Collin County Community College, Wylie campus**

#### **Board Discussion**

PAC Ehrlich displayed some of the ideas for art on electrical signal boxes. She explained that many cities were painting these boxes to make them blend with the environment rather than stick out. This could be a multi-year project with art students from Collin College creating designs and competing for a \$200 scholarship. The college would provide the paint and the entire class would assist the winning student in painting their designs.

She introduced Erika McInney, professor of the art department at Quad C. Erika thanked the board for collaborating with the college and giving young students opportunities for scholarships. She explained that beginning in September of 2023 she would be having a guest speaker teaching the art of 2D. This will fit right in with the projects and give the students a chance to start 2D designing.

Ehrlich explained there were 26 signal boxes and would take several years to complete the project. She was proposing three to start, in September of 2023. She explained that a selection panel made up of citizens and art professionals would serve on the panel.

The board commented that they believed this was a great project and loved the idea of collaborating with the art students at the local college. Ehrlich replied that more information would be forthcoming as we get nearer to September.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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1. **Consider and act upon the minutes from January 19, 2023.** (*C Ehrlich, Public Arts Advisory Board Coordinator*)

**Board Action**

A motion was made by board member Jones, seconded by board member Treadwell to approve the Public Arts Advisory Board minutes from January 19, 2023 as presented. A vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with board members Null, Shank, and Murdock were absent.

ADJOURNMENT

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**Board Action**

A motion was made by board member Jones, seconded by board member Treadwell to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. A vote was taken and the motion carried 4-0 with board members Null, Shank, and Murdock absent.

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**Steve Shank, Chair**

**ATTEST:**

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**Carole Ehrlich, Secretary**