

Meeting of the President's Public Art Committee

Tuesday, August 26, 2014; 2:00 p.m.

Union 002

Chair Chris Boswell called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Committee members present were Susan Moldenhauer, John Stark, Ricki Klages, and Mark Collins. Guests present were Pat Moran, Director of Campus Recreation, and Ken Jones, Manager of Capital Projects. C. Boswell asked for corrections to the minutes and none were given, so the minutes were passed.

Old Business

Tommy Thompson Statue

J. Stark began the conversation with an update on another bench being placed by the Tommy Thompson statue, as he needed to leave the meeting early. J. Stark noted the Foundation was approached by those involved with the statue to let them know that there is \$4500 from fundraising remaining in their account, which could be used for a bench by the statue. J. Stark noted that since there already was a bench in that area, the committee should look to other areas for a bench. He also noted that they are \$500 short of the \$5000 needed for a bench, but they could make up the extra cash from donors. C. Boswell recommended J. Stark and M. Collins to work together to find a place for the bench, and discussion revolved around other locations. Committee members also talked about using the funds for lighting of the bench, but issues with installing lighting with completed landscaping and costs seemed to be large hindrances. Discussion of using the funds for maintenance and the logistics of this were also discussed. The committee agreed to speak about this topic next meeting.

New Business

Half Acre Gym Renovation

K. Jones began the presentation by sharing a rendering of what the graphics on the shades would look like when hanging from the building. K. Jones noted that these would be in a visible, featured part of the building facing the parking lot, and that shades are needed to reduce glare. The shades will have black and white images of students exercising, and the images were based off photos of UW students. P. Moran shared how other campuses are incorporating art onto their blinds, and that the majority of students who saw the proposed blinds liked them. Committee members commented that they liked the idea, but were concerned with the image of the weight lifter, which P. Moran said they could change and that the current photographic images were samples. Discussion revolved around the texture of the shades, how they would look from the inside, and how they would look when half way up or down.

The committee also inquired as to if there were any plans for art inside the building. The presenters noted that there would be photographs focused on the natural beauty of Wyoming and would represent each of the 23 counties. Discussion then turned to how those photographs would be selected, and the importance of a public request for proposals. C. Boswell noted that the committee will need to review the selections and make a recommendation for the President, who will need to give his approval. C. Boswell also urged the presenters to review the public art policy, and that there is useful expertise on the committee that could assist throughout the selection process. Discussion also turned to how the art and the shades would be funded, with

emphasis on the part of the committee to not use funding set aside for art on the window shades. K. Jones said the time line for the project was that they could use approval at this meeting or next meeting. C. Boswell asked the committee if they wanted to see the actual images that would be used on the shades before voting, and the committee agreed that they would. K. Jones said they would bring the final images next meeting. K. Jones noted that he would coordinate with S. Moldenhauer and R. Klages for the interior art selection process. K. Jones and P. Moran left the meeting.

Other Business

C. Boswell asked if there was any other business the committee needed to discuss. S. Moldenhauer gave an update on the progress the City of Laramie has made on their public art initiative. She noted that the city had put out a request for proposal for a consultant who would be hired to guide the planning and funding for art. Interviews will be the end of September.

S. Moldenhauer also noted that she had met with Athletics, who is in the process of writing up a request for proposals for a Kenny Sailors statue. She also noted that the Biodiversity artists had visited campus, but had not begun construction.

M. Collins asked if there was any art planned for the Enzi building. C. Boswell said he was not aware of any plans, and that funding for art was less clear as it is a UW building being built by the state.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 23rd at 2:00 p.m.