

Meeting of the President's Public Art Committee

Tuesday, July 1st, 2014; 3:00 p.m.

Union 206

Chair Chris Boswell called the meeting to order at 3:02pm. Committee members present were Chris Boswell, Susan Moldenhauer, Mark Collins, and John Stark. Ricki Klages was not in attendance. Guests present were Tom Burman and Kevin McKinney.

Approval of Minutes

C. Boswell asked for any changes to the minutes. S. Moldenhauer moved that they be approved as is, and J. Stark seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Berry Biodiversity Center

C. Boswell began the meeting by giving an update on the Berry Biodiversity Center. President Richard McGinity conditionally approved the statues, but asked to see the visual materials that would be playing before they are loaded and installed. Once he has review the visual materials, he will give his final approval.

Kenny Sailors Statue, Area Auditorium

T. Burman began the discussion on the Kenny Sailors statue by noting that athletics would like to honor Sailors with a statue based on the photo taken of him by *Life* magazine in 1945. Athletics currently has a committed donor who wants to work with an artist from Green River. T. Burman stressed that they want to have a well-done statue and that they have plenty of time to select an artist and a statue since work in the Arena Auditorium will not be completed for two years. However, he also noted that if the committee does not like the maquette (present at the meeting), athletics may lose their donor. T. Burman noted that money should not be the primary motivation when completing a project such as this, and that Sailors himself wants something that was realistic looking. T. Burman then asked for committee response.

C. Boswell noted that the Committee makes a recommendation, but the UW President, in consultation with the Board of Trustees President, makes the final decision. S. Moldenhauer asked if Sailors had seen the maquette, and T. Burman said he had not. T. Burman noted that after he read R. Klages' comments on the statue, he agreed with her observations. S. Moldenhauer noted that she also agreed with R. Klages' comments, and showed photos of other realistic sports pieces done by artists who specialize in sports art.

T. Burman asked how athletics would go about finding another artist. S. Moldenhauer explained how an open search process and a request for proposals work. Discussion then turned to how much a statue would cost, as athletics may need to find alternative funding if they choose to go with a different artist. S. Moldenhauer explained the different between artist costs and administrative costs, such as travel, that athletics would incur. J. Stark and S. Moldenhauer said that a request for proposal for a project like this could draw a lot of attention if it was sent out to artists with relevant experience.

C. Boswell asked T. Burman if he would like the Committee to vote on a recommendation for the statue at the meeting. T. Burman said that would not be required at this time, as he appreciated the feedback from the committee on the maquette and was aware of the possibility of making major changes in the project. T. Burman noted that this project must be well-done, and that the relationship with a possible donor may be harmed initially, but could recover with time. The Committee emphasized that their comments were not a reflection on the artist, but rather a result of a desire to have the best piece of art for this project as well as utilize an open search process.

T. Burman said he would let the donor and the artist know about the open process and the request for proposals. Discussion then returned to the statue location and the estimated cost of installing a Sailors statue before concluding. T. Burman and K. McKinney left the meeting.

Hathaway Maquette

C. Boswell shared with the Committee that a small maquette of the Governor Stan Hathaway statue which now stands in front of the Hathaway Building in Cheyenne was going to be donated to UW, and will more than likely be placed in the Gateway Center. This will not be an installation, so it does not require the committee's action. However, it is appropriate for the donation to be reported to the committee.

ASUW Memorial Project

M. Collins gave a brief update on the ASUW Memorial project. Mark Kosmos, the architect of the project, met with Ahmed Balogun, the new ASUW President. The next step will be for ASUW to secure more funding for the project so the majority of the funding comes from ASUW. M. Collins also noted that the Board of Trustees put a time limit on the site location.

Other Old Business Topics

The Committee then briefly discussed other old business topics including the Colonel Downey proposal, benches around campus, City of Laramie public art projects/initiatives, and moving existing statues on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th.