



Scottsdale Arts – Scottsdale Public Art Advisory Board
March 13, 2024, at noon
Mezzanine Conference Room (MCR)
7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Directions/Information: Scottsdale Public Art, 480-874-4640

MINUTES

Members Present: Jessicah Amrine, Mark Carroll, Allison Colwell, Kathy Duley, Russell Grossman*, Bryanna McHenry*, Jeff Miller, Elan Mizrahi*, Jaime Neufer, Janet Sandino*, Miho Schoettker*

*via Zoom

Members Excused Absent: Christine Kovach, Dennis Robbins, Cassandra Saba, Melody Salamo

Members Unexcused Absence: None

Staff Present: Kati Ballares, Talia De La Garza, Tanya Galin, Jennifer Gill

*via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm

2. **CONSENT AGENDA-**

2a. Consider Motion to Approve February 14, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Kathy Duley and seconded by Jessicah Amrine to approve the consent agenda, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2b. "Know Your Public Art" Trivia – Jaime Neufer, Chair of SPA Advisory Board

SPA board member Russell Grossman will prepare trivia questions for the April meeting.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

3a. Consider Motion to Approve New Project: Artwork Artist and Design, Artist Hector Ortega: Goldwater and 5th Avenue Park – Kati Ballares, Director of Public Art

The city plans to improve this location with paved parking and landscaping. In last year's Public Art Plan, Kati proposed to the city that this project budget be merged with another project budget to maximize funds to allow SPA to commission an artist for Goldwater and 5th Avenue Park. That plan was

not approved because of CIP funding sources. A new plan is being proposed, adhering to the \$29,800 budget involving purchasing an existing sculpture from Hector Ortega, who created a sculpture for SPA's temporary public art program, *In Flux*, in its last cycle. The sculpture titled *Reliance* is coming down from the plinth on Scottsdale Road and Oak Street on April 9th. Rather than returning it to the artist, SPA proposes to purchase the sculpture from Ortega for SPA's permanent artwork collection and site it at the Goldwater and 5th Avenue Park. This would allow SPA to pay for the sculpture at \$16,000, leaving \$10,800 to build the base of the plinth and cover engineering costs, leaving a \$3,000 contingency for the project. Tanya Galin introduced Ortega to the board in person, and he provided background information on his stainless and Corten steel artwork *Reliance*. *Reliance* is about the impact that community and art have on each other, with themes around nurturing our environment and culture. There are three possible locations for the plinth at Goldwater and 5th Avenue Park and the city will complete a geotechnical review to determine the best place for the plinth.

A motion was made by Jessicah Amrine and seconded by Jaime Neuffer to approve the New Project and Artwork Artist and Design, Artist Hector Ortega: Goldwater and 5th Avenue Park. The motion passed unanimously.

3b. Consider Motion to Approve Reata Ranch Sports Complex Artwork Acceptance, Artist Troy Neiman — Kati Ballares, Director of Public Art

Kati introduced artist Troy Neiman, joining via Zoom to present his completed project, *32 Polygon Plaza*, at Reata Ranch. Neiman presented photos of the finished artwork and shared the success of the process and completion within the \$90,000 artist budget. Kati and Wendy Raisanen visited the site a week prior to view the completed artwork.

A motion was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Allison Colwell to approve Reata Ranch Sports Complex Artwork Acceptance, Artist Troy Neiman. The motion passed unanimously.

3c. Consider Motion to Approve AIPD: Scottsdale Collection – The Remi Hotel (formerly The Maya), Stage 2: Final Art Plan/Design, Artist Daniel Popper – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

The Remi Hotel (formerly The Maya) is in the Entertainment District on Buckboard Trail and Shoeman Lane. The artist, Daniel Popper, is working with a \$450,000 artist budget. The board last approved Stage 1 on March 8, 2023. Tanya introduced Boyce O'Brien from Stockdale Capital Partners and Valerie Vadala Homer, who is the Art Consultant on the project, both joining via Zoom. O'Brien discussed how The Remi Hotel is Phase 1 of the larger "Scottsdale Collection" Project. The goal of the Scottsdale Collection project is to use public art to further advance Scottsdale as an arts and cultural destination by commissioning art with regional, national, and international significance. Internationally renowned artist Daniel Popper has created a signature sculpture for The Remi site. *Fire* (working title) is the first of several Popper sculptures that will be cited throughout the Scottsdale Collection. The proposed location of *Fire* is on the southeast corner of Buckboard Trail and Shoeman Lane. The estimated design and installation timeline includes fabrication and preparation for installation in Spring/Summer, site preparation and art installation in the Fall, art installation completion for the SPA

board's Stage 3 review and approval in November, submit for hotel certificate of occupancy in December and the hotel opening in January 2025.

A motion was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Kathy Duley to approve AIPD: Scottsdale Collection – The Remi Hotel (formerly The Maya), Stage 2: Final Art Plan/Design, Artist Daniel Popper. The motion passed unanimously.

3d. Consider Motion to Approve New Project and Artwork Artist and Design, Artist Mary Bates Neubauer: Arizona Canal Bank Improvement (Waterview) – Kati Ballares, Director of Public Art

The Arizona Canal Bank Improvements Project is located at the northeast corner of Camelback Road and Scottsdale Road, along the south/east canal bank. The city is ready to move forward with artist Mary Bates Neubauer fabricating three bins using three different colors and designs. The artist budget is \$17,000 of a \$20,000 project budget and construction would start this Summer.

A motion was made by Kathy Duley and seconded by Jessicah Amrine to approve the New Project and Artwork Artist and Design, Artist Mary Bates Neubauer: Arizona Canal Bank Improvement (Waterview). The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from voting, Bryanna McHenry.

4. UPDATES

4a. Drinkwater Underpass Public Art, Artist Barbara Grygutis – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

- Tanya presented photos of her visit to Bollinger's warehouse where Grygutis' piece titled *Breakaway* is in the final phase of fabrication. The installation of *Breakaway* will begin on March 25th through April 5th. The artwork dedication event is set for Friday, May 3rd at 10 am. Details to follow.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

6. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

6a. Remembering Ed Mell

6b. Dale Eldred, *Time Light Fusion* Deaccession

- Kati reviewed deaccession criteria with the board and encouraged board members to review deaccession documents uploaded to the SPA Board Portal, including a copy of the VARA Rights, SPA's Collections Policy, and SPA's Best Practices.

6c. Save the Dates:

- April 6th – Scottsdale Arts Artrageous Gala: *Cosmic Crescendo*

- April 11th – *Flirting with the Desert: Koryn Woodward Wasson* Spring Exhibition at Civic Center Gallery Opens
- April 21st – Cycle the Arts event

7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

- None

8. NEW/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- None.

9. NEXT SPA BOARD MEETING: April 10, 2024, at noon in the Mezzanine Conference Room, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts 7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 PM was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Kathy Duley.