



UDI Public Art Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2016 | 8:30 AM
Uptown Office | 3600 McKinney Avenue, Suite 210

Committee Members present: Dick Brink, Judy Hearst, Paula Peters, John Armstrong, Reneau Thompson, Hank Rossi

Other people in attendance: Anita Simmons staff, Nolan Marshall staff, Bailey Sanders staff, Jon King board member

Members not present: Brian Ratner

Meeting called to order at 8:36am.

Approval of February Minutes

- Reneau Thompson motioned to approve the minutes. Judy Hearst seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Introduction to Jon King

- Mid America has purchased all of the Post properties. Dick stated that John reached out to him about a possible public art initiative in the Post Uptown Village neighborhood.

Mid America Project

- Jon stated Mid America has made initiatives to re-develop the area with paint, landscaping, and hopefully some public art. John recommended that we should move towards diversity of our public art, rather than stick to artists we know. Paula stated that we need to also remember that kinetic pieces require a lot of maintenance and often are very noisy. Jon stated Mid America's time line to get this project going is to start as soon as possible. John stated we need to consider keeping the area accessible to trucks and emergency services while also keeping the piece safe. John asked if the artist will provide a design for the entire center island. Anita stated that it just depends on the piece and the artist's requirements to keep the piece safe. Jon stated that they would want to light the piece at night.
- Potential Artists
 - Brad Oldham – known for Deep Ellum robot pieces. He is also commissioning the new pieces in the One Uptown complex.
 - Ed Wilson
 - Thomas Joynes – known for the tornado-style sculptures
 - Jason Stillman – known for whimsical, mirrored tree sculptures
 - Jim Lapaso – known for kinetic pieces
 - Nic Noblique – known for colorful, whimsical abstract pieces

- Dennis Heimbach
- Ricardo Paniagua – known by us for the West Village wall

Other Initiatives

- Judy and Paula have been working on their historical marker project. Judy and Paula did a drive around this weekend to scope out where the markers will go. They have developed six themes including transportation, education, commerce, Fairmont, ethnic neighborhoods, and architecture. This will most likely be a multi-year plan. Paula believes there is enough in our budget to get a couple done this year, and then more money can be allocated later.
- Crosswalk Art – Anita reported that we have heard from the City of Dallas and the new City Manager, T.C. Broadnax, and the crosswalk has received a go. UDI would like it installed as soon as possible. The City will be accepting the insurance liability. Nolan stated that he, Katy Slade, Councilmember Phillip Kingston, and T.C. Broadnax went on a walking tour of Uptown. Nolan and Katy mentioned the crosswalk, and T.C. was able to fast track the approval and insurance policies. Anita has already reached out to media about reporting on the new pieces. UDI is also planning an unveiling happy hour-style event. Paula recommended developing temporary signage around the piece that recognized UDI and the artist. The piece can be installed in about two days.
- Dick has been researching new spaces around Uptown to put in a new sculpture. He recommends Griggs Park. However, he has been advised by Jack Irwin that Griggs Park is full. John stated that he believes that this advice is subjective to what the piece is. Nolan stated that although Griggs Park is our latest and greatest project, he does not think we should keep focusing all of our efforts on Griggs Park. Dick stated that there is also a spot at the Jordan that could hold a small piece. Dick has also reviewed locations at the Crescent, McKinney & Olive, and the areas around those two buildings. Reneau asked about the West Village neighborhood. Anita stated that Neal has expressed interest in something in front of Uptown Pub.
- Hank asked about the development of a storm sewer near the Maple-Routh Connection. Dick stated that there have been discussions about installing a park, activity areas, and possibly some public art. Nolan asked that we should assign this project to the Public Realm Committee.
- Nolan stated that based off the UDI Public Art Plan, the committee decided to focus on a statement piece. He asked if this is still the initiative this committee would like to focus on. Nolan stated that doing something that simultaneously moves people throughout Uptown could be super beneficial and has been proven in other areas. Dick, Anita, and Nolan will meet between meetings to develop three ideas to present to the committee to choose from.
- Anita advised the committee to the underpasses of the Katy Trail. There is a specific wall that was initially going to be the backup of the crosswalk art. However, since the crosswalk art has been taken care of, this space has been made available for something else. Anita reviewed a few new art pieces for the wall. Lauren stated that there will be some construction of the bridges coming up soon. The Katy Trail would love to develop these art installations, but since there will be so much construction this may not be the right time. Nolan stated that with the low costs of murals, even though there is construction coming, it may not be of that much effect or could be easily fixed. Paula stated that she recently saw that people have been using wraps from billboards to cover walls and buildings, which would be even more inexpensive and easy to change. Anita recommended we keep a marketing standpoint on our pieces to engage the community. An example of this is the troll under the bridge in Seattle which is themed to the city's events. Lauren reminded the committee that there may be issues with lighting since

the power lines are on the other side of the street. UDI would need to enlist Oncor to develop this

Next Public Art Meeting

- The next UDI Public Art Meeting will be held on June 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46am.