

MEETING DATE: APRIL 17, 2023 **AGENDA ITEM:** V.a.

PROJECT NAME: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS
INITIATIVE PLANNING PANEL

ACTION ITEM: a. Adopt a Resolution Appointing Art Commission Members Estrus Tucker, James Talambas, and Dr. Jennifer Brooks, along with Community Members Johnica Rivers and Cecelia N. Sanchez Hill, to Serve on the Fort Worth Public Art Community Partnership Projects Initiative Planning Panel to Recommend Guidelines, Processes, and Potential Locations Included in the 2022 Bond Program, Proposition A (Streets & Mobility Infrastructure) (All Council Districts)

[PLEASE SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]



A Resolution of the Fort Worth Art Commission

Appointing members of the Fort Worth Art Commission and Community Members to serve on a
Community Partnership Projects Initiative Planning Panel

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth’s public art program, commonly known as Fort Worth Public Art (“FWPA”), was established by City Ordinance in October 2001;

WHEREAS, the Fort Worth Art Commission (“FWAC”) acts as an advisory board to the Fort Worth City Council related to all questions involving public art and the FWPA Program;

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2022, City Council adopted the *Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program* (M&C 22-0935), which includes a total of \$500,000.00 in public art funds set aside in Proposition A (Streets & Mobility Infrastructure) to commission public artworks through a new initiative called “Community Partnership Projects”;

WHEREAS, the *Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program* stated that the FWAC would recommend project criteria, selection process, and funding match to City Council at a later date;

WHEREAS, the FWAC desires to form a Community Partnership Projects Initiatives Planning Panel to make specific recommendations to guide the implementation of this new initiative composed of three (3) Fort Worth Art Commissioners and two (2) Fort Worth community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE FORT WORTH ART COMMISSION OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

1. That the FWAC appoints the following members to the Community Partnership Projects Initiative Planning Panel for a term beginning on April 18, 2023, and expiring on September 30, 2023:
 - a. Estrus Tucker, Chair, Fort Worth Art Commission*
 - b. James Talambas, Vice Chair, Fort Worth Art Commission*
 - c. Dr. Jennifer Brooks, Member, Fort Worth Art Commission*
 - d. Johnica Rivers, Community Representative
 - e. Cecilia N. Sanchez Hill, Community Representative

**[Alternate – Raul Pena, Member, Fort Worth Art Commission]*

2. That the Community Partnership Projects Initiative Planning Panel shall be charged with performing the following duties:
 - a. Review the Fort Worth Public Art Program's former *Community ID: Public Art in Neighborhoods* initiative and other similar initiatives in other cities, based on staff research;
 - b. Develop a draft policy for commemorative projects after review of:
 - i. Current City of Fort Worth guidelines for naming City buildings and parks for individuals;
 - ii. Other cities' policies for commemorations, based on staff research;
 - iii. Recent scholarly publications discussing issues pertaining to public art that memorializes or commemorates people, organizations, events, etc.
 - c. Develop draft guidelines, including project criteria, applicant eligibility, required submission materials, required funding percentage match, and application review panel composition.
 - d. Develop a list of potential project locations associated with the 2002 Bond Program (Proposition A) that provide visibility, community engagement and contribute to geographic equity of public art in Fort Worth, based on staff research;
 - e. Make recommendations to the FWAC at a regular (monthly) meeting no later than September 2023 (*attendance desirable, but not required*).
 - f. Attend the presentation to City Council (*attendance desirable, but not required*).

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED

Adopted this 17th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Estrus Tucker, Chair

Fort Worth Art Commission

MEETING DATE: APRIL 17, 2023 **AGENDA ITEM:** V.b.
PROJECT NAME: COURTYARD GALLERY PLAN
DISCUSSION ITEM: b. Endorse the Revised Courtyard Gallery Plan for the Fort Worth Community Art Center Located at 1300 Gendy Street, 76107 (Council District 7)



Fort Worth Community Arts Center Courtyard Gallery

The City of Fort Worth, through the Fort Worth Public Art (FWPA) program, commission local artist Kris Pierce's series of three (3) permanent sculptural concrete plinths. Pierce was inspired by the 1925 universal alphabet created by Herbert Bayer, the architect of the original Fort Worth Community Arts Center building.

Artworks in and of themselves, the plinths were intentionally designed to accommodate rotating exhibitions of sculpture in this new Courtyard Gallery at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center for no longer than one (1) year. This new program would be managed by Fort Worth Community Arts Center staff and supported with private funds.

On May 13, 2019, the Fort Worth Art Commission endorsed the Arts Council of Fort Worth / Fort Worth Community Arts Center Plinth Programming Plan which included an Exhibition Review Process (copy attached).

After receiving a complaint about a sculpture currently on exhibition (not pictured), Arts Fort Worth/Fort Worth Community Arts Center proposed revisions to the exhibition review process to allow for more community input.

The attached final draft incorporates suggestions of City of Fort Worth Law Department staff, Arts Fort Worth staff, and Art Commission comments made during their meeting of March 20, 2023.

[Please see attached document.]

DRAFT FORT WORTH ART COMMISSION RECOMMENDED REVISIONS:
FORT WORTH COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER
COURTYARD GALLERY PLAN

The Fort Worth Community Art Center Courtyard Gallery Plan establishes exhibition goals, artist selection and review processes, and funding strategies for a new exhibition initiative to be administered by the Arts Council of Fort Worth & Tarrant County, Inc. D/B/A Arts Fort Worth in association with a permanent public artwork, *Untitled (Plinths)* by Kris Pierce sited in the exterior courtyard of the Fort Worth Community Arts Center.

The plinths, or pedestals, are designed to allow for temporary exhibition of 3-dimensional artworks. Together, the plinths and the Fort Worth Community Art Center Courtyard Gallery Program Plan will fulfill a recommendation included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update (2017)*: to “embrace new initiatives and partnership, including ... temporary art” that “provide opportunities to experiment and to engage the public and artists in new ways”.

The Courtyard Gallery provides a prominent outdoor venue for sculptural artworks to be exhibited on a temporary basis in one of the most architecturally significant Cultural Districts in the United States. The Courtyard Gallery program’s goal is to present exhibitions that reflect the artistic excellence and cultural diversity of Fort Worth. Arts Fort Worth and the City of Fort Worth respect artistic integrity and freedom of expression in visual art. Arts Fort Worth acknowledges that the Courtyard Gallery is located on municipally owned property in the public realm, and it welcomes the engagement of citizens and visitors of all ages with diverse backgrounds and points of view.

Exhibition Planning

By engaging a diverse group of artists and curators, the program will seek to explore relevant themes and topics through contemporary art, encouraging thoughtful exploration of global and community cultural, social, and public policy issues, and/or beauty, craft, and artmaking. Arts Fort Worth staff and invited partners will identify national and global themes along with issues and events expected to encourage community dialogue. The duration of exhibitions in the Fort Worth Courtyard Gallery shall be less than 365 days unless recommended by the Art Commission and approved by City Council in advance in accordance with the *Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update (2017)*, Appendix 4f.A.7.

Artist Selection Processes

Various processes may be utilized to develop exhibitions, including, but not limited to:

- Fort Worth Public Art Prequalified Emerging Public Artists List – Arts Fort Worth selects from proposals prepared for the Courtyard Gallery as part of these local artists’ training in public art.
- Call for Artists – Arts Fort Worth issues an open call for themed exhibitions.
- Call for Curatorial Proposals – Arts Fort Worth issues a Call for Proposals intended for professional curators, artists, and/or arts professionals
- Invitational Curatorial – Arts Fort Worth invites professional museum curators to plan and prepare exhibitions

Exhibition Review Panel Composition

The Courtyard Gallery Exhibition Review Panel shall be composed of five (5) members who will serve one-year terms and shall include the following:

- 2 Members of the Fort Worth Community Arts Center's Exhibition Advisory Panel
- 1 Member of the Fort Worth Art Commission (Curator at the Carter, Kimbell or Modern)
- 2 Community Members (who are not artists or arts professionals) approved by the Mayor

Advisors (non-voting) may include Fort Worth Community Arts Center staff, Arts Fort Worth staff, City staff, and others, as may be appropriate.

Exhibition Review and Approval Process

- 1) Technical Review Committee composed of the Fort Worth Community Art Center's Director and the Programs & Exhibitions Manager, and Arts Fort Worth's Public Art Collection Manager, shall review artists' or curators' proposal submission materials for completeness, and technical considerations, including materials proposed, installation plans, and safety and maintenance expectations, prior to presentation to the Courtyard Gallery Exhibition Review Panel. *[NOTE: Prior to contracting with the artist(s), Arts Fort Worth reserves the right to request a third-party installation and/or safety review and stamped engineered drawings will be required, as necessary.]*
- 2) Courtyard Gallery Exhibition Review Panel shall review all submissions forwarded by the Technical Review Committee and approve or decline proposals based on artistic excellence, theme consistency, and appropriateness for the venue and may be asked to prioritize the approved proposals or make additional suggestions.
- 3) The Fort Worth Community Art Center's Director shall present the Courtyard Gallery Exhibition Review Panel's recommended exhibition(s) to the Fort Worth Art Commission for review and approval, prior to contracting with the artist(s). *[NOTE: The Art Commission may choose to provide an opportunity for additional public comment on proposed artworks that deal with adult themes or issues of a sensitive nature, prior to taking action.]*
- 4) Exhibitions scheduled for a duration of 365 days or longer must be recommended by the Fort Worth Art Commission and approved by City Council prior to contracting with the artist(s).