CITY OF NORFOLK
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting 6.09.19

Present: Chair Barbara Laws, Derek Eley, Peter Eudenbach, Doug Aurand, Devon Lawrence, and Craig Reilly.
Staff: Mercedes Braun, Dorothy Coakley, and Karen Rudd.

I. Call to Order

II. May Minutes – Minutes were approved.

III. Elizabeth River Trail Larchmont – Commissioners reviewed Deedee Morrison’s past work and initial ideas of how she will approach the $50,000 project on the Elizabeth River Trail at the Larchmont Library. Deedee creates artwork in laser-cut metals that focuses on environmental resiliency and how humans can live in harmony with nature. Commissioners unanimously approved offering the contract to her. Deedee is from Greensboro, SC. Commissioners agreed that hiring local artists is great but that our mission is to create the best quality artwork. It was suggested and approved to create a mentorship program to hire and pay a local artist to work and learn from Deedee.

IV. Ocean View Private Development – Doug Aurand and Barbara Laws volunteered to serve as liaisons on this project. The committee should begin meeting this summer.

V. Project Updates

Schools – The designs for Ocean View and Camp Allen Elementary have been approved and Marc Archambault is working on the fabrication of these two mosaics.
Bay Oaks Park – 43 artists submitted applications. We should have an artist to review at the August meeting.
Chelsea Elizabeth River Trail – City management has approved the design and Larry Bage is getting the stamped engineer drawings.
Lakewood Music & Dance Center Summer Program – Artist Richard Ward was hired to create artwork for the exterior of the Music & Dance Center in Lakewood Park. This is the third time Richard has worked in the summer program.
Police Training Center Summer Program – Kimberly McKinnis, who works at the Chrysler Museum Glass Studio was hired to design and create artwork for the Police Training Center located on Military Highway.
I-264 Underpass – The bid has been awarded to a contractor to install Navid Rahman’s artwork on the I-264 Underpass.
Munson Park – Place in Time is being fabricated by Ken McCall.
Airport- Engineer drawings have been approved by the City and submitted to the FAA for review and approval.

Richard A. Tucker Memorial Library – 70 applications were received for the new library. The committee will review, select and interview finalists and should have a recommendation for the Commissions’ review in August.

EVMS Partnership matching funds – The EVMS art planning committee is working on the prospectus. Commissioners may be asked to approve the document via email prior to our next meeting.

VI. Budget Review and Allocations – The Public Art Commission received $250K in the FY2020 budget. We will make recommendations for specific sites and determine project amounts in the fall. Commissioners asked to see a map of sites where public artwork is located.

VII. Meeting Adjourned