

**Clark County Public Art Committee Meeting
February 23, 2016 at 3:30 pm
Winchester Cultural Center**

I. MEETING OPENING: Eric Strain opened the meeting. In attendance: committee members – Patty Dominguez, Keith Conley, Louisa McDonald, and Rebecca Holden. Excused: Vicki Richardson and Robert Fielden. Staff: Patrick Gaffey, Michael Ogilvie and Julie Navis.

II. MINUTES - **Patty moved to approve January 26, 2016 minutes, Keith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - **Keith moved to approve agenda, Patty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. Sunset Park Gateway Artwork - *For Discussion and Possible Action*

a. Discussion and possible action to replace the Sunset sign with an artwork that would be more of a gateway or threshold to the park.

Michael showed photos of the sign and reiterated that the Neon museum has agreed to accept it into their collection should the county get rid of it. The art committee would have to spend \$10,000 to have it removed and transported. Michael said if we don't remove it we would have to work with management. Eric asked what budget we still have. Eric wants to know how we are staff wise as well and if we have enough to take on a big project like this. Michael said we would be under staffed, but by August there will be three projects finished. He also suggested that once we're done with one project, it is okay to have a backlog because he can take on another. Eric said even with those projects finished, we already have four to take their place. Eric asked what we have to do to get more staff. Patrick said there's a process and we have to get a part-time position approved. Patty suggested tabling this until we can figure out if we have the staff and the committee agreed. No action was taken on this item and is tabled until the next meeting.

V. Overton Community Center Artwork – *For Discussion and Possible Action*

Patrick has been in contact with Chris Due who is the assistant for Commissioner Kirkpatrick out in Overton. He said they've been very short staffed and haven't been able to get back to us to discuss what they want. Patrick said they should have a better idea of what they want to do in a few weeks. No action was taken on this item and is tabled until the next meeting.

VI. Mountain's Edge Park – *For Discussion and Possible Action*

Michael showed an overlay of the park. Peter Umoh from Public Works and Patrick Almeida from Parks and Recreation were at the meeting to answer any questions. Peter showed a topography model to the committee. There was much talk about the site location for the art. Patrick asked if this park would be used for baseball tournaments and when not in tournament would have an average daily use of 300 people. Peter said it will have first class amenities. Eric asked how seating will be. Peter said only the big championship field will have stadium bleachers. Louisa asked where the parking lots are and they're near the top field. Louisa confirmed to get to the fields there will be foot traffic. Patrick is wondering if people would make it to the center area. Patrick A answered that the center area is the

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main gateway where everyone will go and that this would be the ideal location to site the art. Eric asked who is designing the park. Peter said a facility architect, a landscape architect, and also a design team. Patrick asked if they started building the fields and Peter said they're still about 65% in the design phase. Michael asked when construction would be completed. Patrick from public works said that the contract says construction is scheduled, but it won't be awarded until they get the budget set and the project goes out to bid. Keith asked what the purpose of this art piece would be. Patrick from public works said originally the budget had room to design an art structure of a baseball player and there were a lot of other elements in the design, but once it went to the budget again, it ended up being cut. Eric asked if we move forward on this would we have to pay for all of it. In other words, was asking if they would want to partner. Peter said possibly partner, but it depends on the budget. Louisa asked what the budget was for the original design. Peter said around \$100,000. Louisa asked how much leeway the committed would have and if they were open to putting it in other places around the park. Peter said he would have to check with the design team, but the idea was to have it in the center gateway. He said they're willing to keep an open mind. Patty asked if they want the art piece to be higher than the raised bleachers. Public works said yes. Michael asked how big the center area is. Peter said he's not sure and would provide the measurements at a later date. Patrick said he likes the idea of Mountain's Edge to come up with some of the budget. Eric said to let them design it and then we'll take the reins and partner with them. Eric thinks it's interesting to bring art to the baseball park and Louisa thinks it's a great opportunity. No action was taken on this item and was tabled for the next meeting.

VII. Artprize – For Discussion and Possible Action

Michael said Artprize is going to provide a proposal that is not yet ready for review, but they will send to the committee when it's ready. Michael said to make Artprize happen in Las Vegas, it will cost 3.5 million dollars and requires 17 full-time employees, 25 part-time employees, and over 1,000 volunteers. Patty said she talked to several people who attended the meeting and she received mixed feelings from them. The main things brought up were "why were they there" and "if we work together, we don't need Artprize". Patty said there were positives and negatives. Keith said it's a thing to bring the public together and he's not advocating for it, but he does think it needs to start in the right place, at the right time, and done right. Patty said we need to figure out what we would want from this. Patrick said Joey Vanas came and talked to the Artprize people and that he was interested and excited about the whole idea. Joey Vanas told Patrick he would go out and find the people to put up the money for it. Eric said the problem with that is he would want to put it in his name. Eric said if this is going to be done and Joey is going to be a part of it, we need to find a way to get the County involved. Eric said he looks at it that the only way to make this work, is it needs to be isolated and just downtown or we're going to invest the entire community and have things all over the valley. Patrick said since Las Vegas already has the Life is Beautiful Festival, it's a good opportunity to put this in a different geographical location other than downtown and in a different way. Louisa suggested the Maryland Parkway corridor, from the airport to downtown. Michael said Artprize thought the Maryland Parkway corridor needed a personality, but they really like downtown as the ideal spot. Patty suggested pop up festivals around the county. Keith said if it does happen downtown

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that we didn't lose anything. He thinks that the fact that we brought them out and planted the seed for any dialogue that comes up, it's a good thing. Eric suggested it may not be a bad idea to contact the group in Dallas who does "Aura", which is a one weekend event in downtown Dallas with projected light art. He said maybe we could come up with a way to bring out a couple people from Dallas to talk about that event. That way maybe we can take the best of Artprize and the best of Aurora and mesh them together in downtown Las Vegas to have a 24 hour art festival. Patrick thinks we should keep in contact with Joey Vanas and see if he's made any head way. No action was taken on this item and it was tabled for next meeting.

VIII. Staff Report – *Should any of the committee members have questions about current projects this would be the time to address them.*

The Pebble pedestrian bridge presentation is on Thursday. Keith said in the emailed staff report, the Rat Pack budget was missing a zero. Eric asked if we killed the Hollywood project. Michael said it was tabled.

IX. COMMENTS BY GENERAL PUBLIC: *None.*

X. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at the Winchester Cultural Center.

XI. Adjournment - *For Possible Action*

Louisa motioned for adjournment, Patty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.