



Bernalillo County Arts Board

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 12th, 2014
415 Tijeras NW 87102**

**10th Floor Conference Room B
City/County Government Center, Once Civic Plaza
Albuquerque, NM 87102**

Members Present:

Paul Waters, Chairperson, Dist. 4
Sarah Hartford, Dist. 3
Shawn Turung, Dist. 1
Leo Korte, Dist. 2
Ron Romero, Dist. 2
Sondra Diepen, Dist. 4
William Burk III, Dist. 5
Margie Weinstein, Dist. 3
Myrna Smyer, Dist. 5

Members Excused:

Louis Schalk, Dist.1

Staff Present:

Nan Masland, Public Art Manager
Cindy Torres, Accounting
Denise Benavides, Accounting

I. Call to order

Chairperson Hartford calls the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the agenda:

Chairperson Harford entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: S. Diepen

SECONDER: B. Burk

III. Approval of the minutes:

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to minutes from January, 2014.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Burk

SECONDER: S. Diepen

IV. Action Items and New Business:

1. **Bond Fund Presentation with Cindy Torres and Denise Benavides** Cindy Torres and Denise Benavides from the Accounting Department present on the status of Public Art 1% Bond Funds.

They explain the following: Spend-down Requirements for GO Bond Proceeds, Arbitrage, IRS Regulations, Compliance and 1% Arts Proceeds Current status. They present a Month to Month Spending 3 year analysis – in FY12 the average monthly spending was \$2,673, in FY13 \$2,438 and in the present year, FY14 it is \$16,301. The Accounting Dept. commends the Arts Board for improving their monthly spending and informs the board that in order to avoid arbitrage the average monthly spending needs to be approximately \$22,095.

They define arbitrage as

Federal Definition:

Arbitrage is the ability to obtain tax-exempt bond proceeds and invest the funds in higher yielding taxable securities, resulting in a profit

Simple Definition:

If you earn more interest than you pay you owe the excess to the federal government

Why is arbitrage necessary:

Government entities were getting voter approval to do specific projects-selling the bonds-getting interest-using interest for day to day expenses and not completing the voter approved project.

2. **Vote on Unsolicited Proposal by Dan Godfrey**

The Board discusses the presentation by Mr. Dan Godfrey on January 12. They discuss purchasing his one original work that he presented to the board but are unclear as to whether the piece is for sale. L. Korte inquires about Giclee prints and S. Diepen responds that they can be high quality prints on paper as well as canvas. The P. Waters suggests choosing a few of Dan Godfrey's giclees for the collection. The Arts Board reviews the images.

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to purchase three large prints: Winter Glow, Winter River and Winter Storm.

MOTION: Purchase three large prints: Winter Glow, Winter River and Winter Storm

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: P. Waters

SECONDER: S. Turung

The Board reviews the smaller pieces and determines that they would like a small print of Arboles del Rio.

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to purchase a small print of Arboles del Rio

MOTION: Purchase a small print of Arboles del Rio

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: M. Smyer

SECONDER: S. Turung

3. **Fallen Sheriff's Deputies Memorial: Review Call for Poets**

The Arts Board reviews and edits the Request for Qualifications to commission three poets to each write a poem on fallen law enforcement officers and have the poem written by a professional calligrapher. The RFQ will be posted before the next meeting.

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to approve the written call with edits agreed upon by the committee.

MOTION: Approve the written call with edits agreed upon by the committee.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: M. Smyer

SECONDER: S. Turung

4. Focus on Youth Art Selection

The date to select photographs from the student photography show is April 9th at 1 pm at the Montgomery Complex. A notice of public meeting has been posted so that all interested board members may attend. The time conflicts with the regularly scheduled Arts Board meeting which would begin on the same day at 2 pm. N. Masland will research having the meeting at the Montgomery Complex.

N. Masland explains that the approved agenda item for the Metro Youth and Focus on Youth for an Annual Purchase of \$1,500. In previous years the timing has not worked out to purchase from both shows. The Metro Youth Art Show is at the end of this month with hundreds of pieces on display. On March 1st, the APS Education Foundation Committee selects 300 pieces to auction at the A is for Art. The Arts Board is invited to review the pieces in April and make a list of their selections. The A is For Art Auction is on November 1. The Arts Board will send representatives to bid on the pieces that they have previously selected. Janet Kahn, retired APS Fine Arts Director and present director of A is for Art is confident that the Arts Board will be able to get about three pieces for a total of \$750 at the live or silent auction. The County Commissioner and the Arts Board will be invited to the event and their admission will be complementary.

The board discusses the merits and concerns about purchasing from the A is for Art Auction instead of the Metro Youth Art Show. N. Masland explains that the proceeds from each purchase from the A is for Art Auction benefit to APS Foundation, the arts programs and the individual artist, while purchasing exclusively from the Metro Show only benefits the individual student.

M. Weinstein states that it is important to have the APS Foundation to help support arts programming and would like to see additional funds allocated to the purchase of student artwork.

P. Waters suggests increasing the budget to \$3,000 for the purchases.

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to increase the budget for the Focus on Youth and Metro Youth Annual Purchase from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

MOTION: Increase the budget for the Focus on Youth and Metro Youth Annual Purchase from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: P. Waters

SECONDER: M. Weinstein

5. Notice of Open Meetings Act

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion adopt the open meetings act for 2014

MOTION: Adopt the open meetings act for 2014

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: P. Waters

SECONDER: M. Smyer

6. Albuquerque Art and Design Exhibition

N. Masland informs the board about an exhibition taking place from January to May 2015 on the history and present of art and design in Albuquerque and Central NM at the

Albuquerque Museum, Harwood Art Center, 516 Arts, Richard Levy Gallery and with participation from CABQ Public Art and Bernalillo County Public Art. Both Public Art Programs will be collaborating on a show for the west gallery of the Albuquerque Museum during the exhibition. S. Hartford asks about soliciting a call for artists in relation to the show and entertains a motion to move forward with pursuing this project.

Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to adopt the open meetings act for 2014

MOTION: Move forward with conceptualizing a commissioned piece with the Albuquerque Art and Design Exhibition

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: S. Turung

SECONDER: B. Burk

7. **Sandia Artwork**

The Board is requested to review the Call for Artists by email and send edits to N. Masland.

8. **Public Art Logo and Booklet**

N. Masland is working with the graphic design team to create a booklet and logo for the program.

V. **Project Updates**

1. **Hiland Theater**

The selection committee is scheduled to select three finalists on Monday, February 17th. The selection will be through a process of dialogue and consensus.

2. **Outposts Update**

B. Burk and S. Turung went to the the Design Review Committee (DRC) at the City of Albuquerque; on January 14th at 1:30 pm. They received valuable feedback on the project. They were discouraged from placing art in medians and S. Turung was encouraged to contact Barbara Taylor and Sherri Brueggemann to give advice on the project, she has invited them to the next meeting. She would also like to engage B. Miera in the conversations as well. S. Turung shared that the City of Albuquerque is planning to do a project on Alameda. B. Burk learned that the Department of Transportation has nothing to do with the project.

3. **NM Expo Mural** – MOU is being routed

4. **Dist. 5 James McGrane**

B. Burk and M. Smyer have been attending subcommittee meetings and recently B. Burk attended a meeting where the committee presented to Bernalillo County Fire Fighters and gained valuable insight into the project.

5. **Fisher Smith Gymnasium**

The board discusses purchasing an existing piece of artwork for the location and would like to take a field trip to Shidoni Foundry in May. They would like to visit various studios and foundries to get an idea for what sculpture costs.

6. **2 Dimensional Purchase – Gallery Space**

N. Masland has met with the curator at the African American Performance Center and their space is available in October. She needs to have it approved by her manager before proceeding with securing the location.

7. **Westside Pumping Station Mural**

Commissioner De La Cruz has allocated funds to resurface the wall in preparation of the mural.

P. Waters suggests adding the additional funding of \$5,000 to enable the project to move forward. Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion add an additional \$5,000 to the approved amount of \$25,000 to fully fund the asking amount of the mural proposed by Joe Stephenson and Working Classroom to \$30,000.

MOTION Add an additional \$5,000 to the approved amount of \$25,000 to fully fund the asking amount of the mural proposed by Joe Stephenson and Working Classroom to \$30,000.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: P. Waters

SECONDER: M. Smyer

V. Discussion

1. **Arts Board Retreat:** Goal to craft a vision. P. Waters suggests reviewing goals from previous retreat and then collaborating with HR to have them facilitate the retreat. A time in June will be determined.
2. **Honor Retired Arts Board Members:** L. Korte has secured Casa Rodena and a piano player. The board selects May 3rd from 5-7 pm
3. **AFTA Conference in Nashville in June:** L. Korte and possibly M. Smyer would like to attend

VI. Announcement and Events

1. Bernalillo County Commission Meeting February 25th
 - a. Approve artwork donations sponsored by Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins, Dist.3
 - i. "Our Dance is Your Dance" mixed media by Monika Kaden
 - ii. "Albuquerque Watercolors" 10 watercolors by Therese Evangel
2. Focus on Youth Art Selection April 9, 1-2 pm
3. Women and Creativity

Announcement of Next Meeting: Wednesday March 12th, 2 pm, One Civic Plaza, 10th Floor Conference Room B

Adjournment: Chairperson Hartford entertained a motion to adjourn the Arts Board meeting.