

Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday – February 22, 2016 – 4:00 pm
Marathon Gov't Center, 1st floor conference room
Marathon, Florida

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Jeffrey Harwell (by phone), Dave Andrews, Beth Kaminstein, Nance Frank was absent. Staff: Liz Young, Kimberly Rettenwander.

Meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Sue welcomed the meeting attendees.

Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2016

Motion: Beth, moved to approve the January 25, 2016 minutes; seconded by Dave. The motion was passed unanimously.

Review the status of proposals for Marathon Court House –

Liz and Sue met with Chris Ambrosio (County attorney) on the phone and emailed regarding the recommended artist, Debra Yates withdrawal of the project. To follow procedure, the Committee will go to bidder # 2 as the "Lowest Responsive Responsible Bidder". Liz spoke with Debra Yates to explain procedure and that a letter would be needed. Liz will get Debra's letter of withdrawal ASAP and call/write to Colin Selig (# 2 bidder). Beth suggests that there be a parameter/limit set in place for the "lowest score" acceptable for RFP's for future proposals. Possibly not accepting anything below a 60. Sue suggests that the Committee consider under "other business" at next month's meeting. Discussion with Liz and Jeffrey regarding Colin's proposal with the benches, Liz read proposal out loud to share details-the committee agreed to proceed.

Current Projects – Status Update:

Bi-Annual RFQ – Liz discussed meeting with Sue and County Attorney, Project Administrator and Contracts Administrator. She will do workshops for Artists as soon as staff receives the new bid date for the RFQ. Dates to follow.

Key West Senior Center- Bill Horn, architect and Doug Sposito, project manager confirms after further evaluation, that the building needs more extensive repairs than originally planned. They will look for another location as the senior center will most likely not be renovated. Back to conceptual phase, will table the project to 2017 and move it out of current status.

Bernstein Park, Stock Island renovations: Bill Horn, architect. Plans are complete with approximately \$5 million budget.

Liz updated committee that all submitted bids came in above \$ 5 million budget allocation. Therefore, they are over-budget and the project is now in a re-evaluation stage.

Plantation Key Court House – No update. Project start dates projected to 2018-19. We will continue to receive updates from the County staff.

Public Works building renovation – Magnolia Street (MM 100), **Public Art Budget** \$10,391.21, **Art Budget: \$8,800.** Staff has received approval to site public art at the Murray Nelson Gov't Center for the public per the motion made at December meeting. Will need to discuss what area to focus on at Murray Nelson. First step, the AIPP Funds will be transferred to a new MEN account. Liz discussed how to move funds to Murray Nelson to use for potential signage. Dave will see Dennis, who represents Friends of the Key Largo Cultural Center, this week, and discuss the matter and report back to the committee.

Projects Slated for 2016/ 2017:

Marathon Library – Liz updated that the County has agreed to move the Library across the street next to the Switlik Elementary School by end of 2017. **\$ 6 million** has been allocated for a brand new building that will integrate school kids and senior citizens into the plan. Liz was invited to the next meeting to look at plans.

Summerland Key Fire Station - property has been selected and purchased. The location is the Bayshore Nursery on the Oceanside and will be named Cudjoe Fire Station. A **\$ 3 million** project in the 2017-18 fiscal year. Liz and Sue excited about high visibility for artwork.

Marathon Airport –Liz and Sue updated that this is a Federal facility on County property and therefore does not qualify. Will be removed from further agendas.

Higgs Beach – Atlantic Blvd. relocation – budget approx. \$1-3 million. Liz updated that the next phase will be moving the road further away from the beach before the building (nature center) will be started in 2017.

Big Pine Key Swimming Hole

Sue updated the committee that the Integrative Program meetings will allow public input on this park. Doug would like to model this on the success at Long Key with raised walkways within natural habitat. They are working to get more property (20 acres) of private wetlands. Liz offered more discussion.

Jefferson Brown Bldg/Old Historic Jail

Liz updated that the behind the Freeman Justice Center, “chillers” will be placed in a new building on Thomas Street/ Chillers on the 2nd floor, office spaces on the ground floor. **\$ 1.5 million projected budget. AIPP will receive 1%**

On Hold: Due to no funds allocated by BOCC: Old Tavernier School and the Marathon EOC

Other business:

New committee member -

Dave reports that Commissioner Sylvia Murphy is pleased with his suggestion of Eric Anderson as his replacement. Liz recommended that Dave inform Eric of our website, videos and agenda to familiarize himself with the committee. Eric will attend the next meeting with Dave, then it is hoped that commissioner Murphy will make appt to BOCC.

FAPAP Conference – May 4-6 Venice, FL: Sue and Liz will attend, Beth and Jeffrey will confirm next meeting If they are able to attend.

Conch Key Fire Station – Liz spoke with Jolly of Benson Electric and he recommends lighting with ~ \$1200.00 to \$1800.00 budget. Beth will meet with Jolly to discuss details and cost. Liz will forward Jolly’s contacts to Beth.

Stock Island Fire Station–Liz and Sue discussion on signage for David Harrison Wright’s completed artwork. Discussion on location of signage and style. Sue offered photos of examples of display etched signage with pedestal. Staff will research options within budget.

Key West Airport – no update

Public Input – None

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 4:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Rettenwander, Business Manager