

**Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday – August 15, 2016 – 4:00 pm**  
**Gato Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 110 Simonton St., Key West**

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D’Antonio, Jeffrey Harwell, Beth Kaminstein, Nance Frank, Eric Anderson. Staff: Liz Young, Martha Resk. Also present: William Horn.

Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Sue welcomed the meeting attendees and welcomed Bill Horn. It was decided to skip to item 4a, since Bill Horn was there to discuss the plans for Bernstein Park.

**Current Projects – Status Update:**

**Bernstein Park-** Liz: Budget has been confirmed by Contract Administrator and Project Management. After deductions as per the ordinance from the schedule of values, the AIPP budget is \$54,627.53. Art Budget: \$49,000. Liz has requested that 2 non-voting members be appointed by County Administrator. Bill Horn, architect for the project shared architectural renderings for the project, showing committee members “targeted spaces” for potential placement of artwork. Bill suggested the 2 nonvoting members be coaches for the kids who will use the park and keep the theme geared towards the kids. He reiterated that the park’s main user group will be the children of Stock Island and to that end the artwork proposals ought to reflect the children. Bill explained that there will be a retaining wall with fill to increase the elevation of the park to prevent flooding. The park will contain multi use fields, including a field for soccer and a basketball court, as well as a two story community building, playground, maintenance building, and 2 cisterns for irrigation. The two cisterns will be 12 feet high and hold 8,000 gallons of water. Potential art “targeted spaces” include the cisterns, potential to wrap around artwork; large entry area, potential for sculpture; classroom area, upstairs classroom, kitchen, potential for mural type artwork on building (note that façade of building will have “Bernstein Park” and logo signage) and concrete floor under overhang of building (5,000 square feet)

New building will meet wind loads of 180 MPH. The paint color has yet to be determined, but it will need to be a light color since it is a “green” building. The playground will have awnings, similar to the ones located at Higgs Beach. The retaining wall will be concrete, and also has the potential to be a space for art, similar to the tile installation along Smathers Beach. There will also be a metal fence, probably black or green, which will be 600 to 700 feet long. Liz asked about lighting, and Bill said that lighting may be good near the building, playground, or cisterns. However, the ball field lights will light up the field. It will be at least a year before construction finishes. Johnny Youngue is in charge of schedules. Sue asked that Bill send Liz the visuals, park and floor plans. Beth spoke of a “make and install” art project, which might incorporate children into the process of public art, for example tiles painted and fired, and then installed on site. Sue loved the idea and mentioned the cistern wall as a possible location. Upon Nance Frank’s arrival, Sue reiterated the potential “targeted spaces” to include

- Two elevator shaft exterior walls
- Flooring (5000 square feet, L shaped, covered)
- Two cisterns
- Space within existing landscaping for sculpture at drop off area
- Retaining wall surrounding fields

Nance mentioned the possibility of Kinetic Art, with the ability to lock it down in a hurricane. Liz said that we need suggestions for the two non voting members. Nance suggested Park and Recreation workers, police, sheriff, or a canine officer. Sue thought it was a great idea, to have someone from a security type background, and it was reiterated that it will be an appointment by Roman Gatesi. Jeffrey will send staff a recommendation to pass on to Roman. Discussion ensued about public art, and the latest art installation at Keys Energy as a private component of the City’s ordinance. Sue wrapped up the discussion with the suggestion that in the next two months, committee members should go over to Bernstein Park and look at the site.

## **Approval of Minutes of July 25, 2016**

**Motion:** Beth moved to approve the July 25, 2016 minutes; seconded by Jeff with corrections. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Bi-Annual RFQ** – Liz gave the update. The RFQ is out and has an August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. 3 workshops to assist artists in completion of RFQ application completed in the last 2 weeks. There was a wonderful response by artists. The August 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop at TSKW had 20 in attendance; the August 8<sup>th</sup> workshop had 5 in attendance in Marathon, and 6 more were in attendance for the August 10<sup>th</sup> workshop at TSKW. Jennifer Hulse, local attorney, gave a presentation at the 2 Key West workshops, which included an overview of the artist's legal responsibility if selected for a project. Also in attendance were 4 committee members of the City's AIPP. Nance voiced concern regarding the level of participation, and suggested a call out to the galleries, and that the next time it is advertised; the press release should include the amount of money available to artists. Liz confirmed that she did send it out, and thought it might be due to the time of year and offered to do it again in January, if necessary. Liz reiterated that the deadline is the end of this month.

**Nelson Gov't Center//Public Works-** After a brief discussion of a few suggestions for additional targeted spaces it was decided to stick with those already selected. Nance advised to use the spaces we targeted before, as we could not incur the additional space, since it was outside of our budget.

**Marathon Library** – Ongoing discussion of "shared use" space by library and school district, will be resolved within 30 days.

**Cudjoe Fire Station - Liz:** the architect was hired yesterday, the firm of CSA Inc. The location is 3 lots, just behind the Square Grouper restaurant. There will be new access created to the highway, and it's design will be similar to other existing fire stations.

**Freeman Justice Center Complex:** Liz: No changes or updates.

**Projects Slated for 2016/2017:** Liz had no new updates on these projects.

Plantation Key Court House  
Higgs Beach, Key West  
Big Pine Key Swimming Hole

### **Other business:**

**Meeting date discussion** – Liz asked that because there is no September meeting, Staff will send the RFQ's to committee electronically for interim approval. Staff will send out information to review between September 6<sup>th</sup> and the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Next meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup> in Marathon.

**Stock Island Fire Station** - Liz and Sue met onsite with landscaper who will assist with pedestal supply and installation. Liz showed a rendition, by artist David Harrison Wright, of the keystone column with signage on top. Beth asked about the place where the sign will be installed, and Liz stated the funds need to be used this fiscal year.

**Motion:** Nance moved to approve the sign, and Beth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. There were some questions about the attachment of sign to keystone base.

**FAPAP 2017 Conference:** Orlando, April 19, 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Emerging Artists program in Orlando the day before, great learning opportunity.

**Other discussion:** Sue said that the benches recently installed at the Marathon Courthouse have inspired additional landscaping including new gravel and larger pavers to further enhance the courtyard. It has become an urban oasis, akin to a pocket park.

**Public Input** – None

**Adjourn – Motion to adjourn:** Nance 1<sup>st</sup>, Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Martha Resk, Business Manager