

McKINNEY ARTS COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 14, 2012

The McKinney Arts Commission of the City of McKinney, Texas met in work session in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on November 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chair Linda Spina; Vice-Chair Hamilton Doak; Matthew Bado; Janet Farr; Beth McGuire; and Pamela Harden. Commissioners Absent: Sherry Tucker-David.

Staff Present: City Liaison Aretha Adams and Arts Commission Secretary Mona Robinson.

Guests Present: Public Art Master Plan Advisory Committee members Ross Altobelli; Jenny Baker; Patricia Jackson; Emily Braht; and Guy Giersch; as well as Cindy Schneible, Director of McKinney Community Development Services; L. C. Tobey, local artist; Meridith McKinley and Todd Bressi of Via Partnership, Inc.

Chair Linda Spina called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. after determining a quorum was present.

12-1028 Chair Spina opened the discussion of the Public Art Master Plan update and introduced Meridith McKinley and Todd Bressi. Ms. McKinley and Mr. Bressi began their presentation on their progress of the Public Art Master Plan by discussing the "Imagine Art Here! Workshop" which was held on October 27th at McKinney Performing Arts Center. This discussion led into a review of the vision, criteria, and project recommendations they would compile into a proposed Public Art Master Plan. Ms. McKinley and Mr. Bressi presented three categories of near-term public art projects: 1) Community Placemaking; 2) Tourism/Economic Development; and 3) Civic Design. Each category had specific sites listed for public art. Costs of the various types of public art projects were presented, and Vice-Chair Doak stated he felt that \$300,000 was a realistic projected amount for public and privately raised/donated funds available for public art over the next five years. Following a detailed discussion of the various categories of proposed

public art, members of the Advisory Committee and the Arts Commissioners gave their priorities on the type and location of public art to be addressed in the Public Art Master Plan. Commissioner McGuire left the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Commissioner Farr, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to pause the Work Session as an Arts Commission Special Meeting was scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Chair Spina paused the Work Session at 5:35 p.m., and members of the Public Art Master Plan Advisory Committee, as well as the other guests, left when the Work Session was adjourned.

Chair Spina reconvened the Work Session at 6:00 p.m. Ms. McKinley had reviewed the Advisory Committee's and the Arts Commissioners' priorities and informed the Arts Commissioners that public art projects at the Highway 5 and 121 Gateway site and downtown alleys were given the highest priorities of initial public art in McKinney. Ms. McKinley provided details on administrative recommendations to be addressed in the Public Art Master Plan which included funding aspects of McKinney's Public Art Program. Additional items discussed were government versus non-profit status. City Liaison Adams left the meeting at 6:30 p.m., and Vice-Chair Doak left at 6:40 p.m. Ms. McKinley discussed various planning tools, the project development process, and various aspects of approaches to artist selection.

Commissioners unanimously approved the motion by Chair Spina, seconded by Commissioner Bado, to adjourn. Chair Spina adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

LINDA SPINA
Chair