

MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
 ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021 at 1:00 PM
 ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Councillor Catherine Satour (*Chair*)
 Councillor Glen Auricht
 Councillor Marli Banks
 Mayor Damien Ryan (arrived at 1:20pm)
 Charlie Freedman, Watch this Space
 Eloise Lindebeck, Papunya Tjupi Arts (via Zoom)
 Kieren Grassmayr, Arts NT (via Zoom)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kim Sutton, Director Community Development
 Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (minutes)

APOLOGIES:

Miriam Wallace, Susan Dugdale & Associates
 Bron Field, Coordinator - Central Craft
 Tamlyn Neck, Festivals & Events Manager, Red Hot Arts Central Australia
 Takudzwa Charlie, Manager Technical Services

13th Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Advisory Committee	7 July-20	5 Aug-20	9 Sept-20	14 Oct-20	11 Nov-20	3 Feb-21
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓			✓	✓	✓
Councillor Marli Banks	✓			✓	✓	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour	✓			✓	✓	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Miriam Wallace	✓	--	--	A	✓	A
Madeline Krenek / Tamlyn Neck	✓	✓	✓	A	A	A
Bron Field	A	A	A	--	A	A
Kieren Grassmayr (started 7/8/19)	A	A	A	A	A	✓
Eloise Lindebeck (started 3/2/21)						✓
Charlie Freedman (started 3/2/21)						✓

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology recorded
	Not a member		

The meeting opened at 1:05pm.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held 11 November 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Marli Banks
Seconded: Councillor Auricht

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Welcome to new committee members

The committee welcomed its two new Committee members: Charlie Freedman and Eloise Lindeback.

4.2 Public Art Master Plan & Action Plan

Manager Community and Cultural Development sought direction from the Committee as to which project should be prioritised from the Public Art Action Plan with the current budget. Two key aimed projects for 2021 are: public art in parks, and functional seating along Todd River.

Manager Community and Cultural Development recommended that the Committee supports commissioning a public art piece in a local park, which would be possible with the existing PAAC budget, but also further explore an arts/functional seating project along Todd River, including potential funding options.

Manager Community and Cultural Development suggested the following parks: Ashwin Park, Gillen; Tucker Park, Braitling; Frances Smith Memorial Park, Eastside; Lyndavale Park, Larapinta.

Feedback from the Committee was for the artwork to be interactive and sculptural (not street art), and ideally in a park with enough shade for the art to be enjoyed throughout the year.

Councillor Banks asked if there were any opportunities to work with the Parks Advisory Committee for additional budget for the project.

ACTION:

Manager Community and Cultural Development to further explore park options and draft an EOI brief to be presented to the next meeting, and explore if it is possible to collaborate with the Parks Advisory Committee for additional budget for the project.

4.3 TIO Traeger Oval Wall Mural

Anti-graffiti paint has been put on the wall. Acknowledgement of the artists, and organisations involved in the project, has now been placed on the final orange section of the wall.

4.4 Todd Mall Entrance Project

After concerns were raised regarding the location of the sign, a report went to Council on 28 January 2021. At this meeting, Council supported the sign to be moved in front of the tree with the same design and size. Work is ongoing.

4.5 Library Wall Project

The mural was launched on 2 December, as part of International Day for People with Disabilities, and was well attended with approx. 60 attendees. The mural has received good feedback from the community. The interpretive signs are in the process of being installed.

Mayor Ryan asked if any ground cover will be added along the path where the murals are. Manager Community and Cultural Development said the library had a plan for landscaping in the area, but it had been delayed.

ACTION:

Manager Community and Cultural Development will follow up on the landscaping with Technical Services.

4.6 Skate Park Mural

A report went to Ordinary Council on 27 October providing information on the durability of the paint being used, as requested by PAAC. Mark is now back in town, and the work will occur in February.

Street at the Skate Park

At the November 2020 PAAC meeting, it was requested that Council Officers explore how Council could manage graffiti at the skatepark in terms of removing the graffiti, or keeping the street art (if not offensive).

In the research, it was found that Councils generally either completely disallow graffiti, or have certain provisions. Examples of these provisions from other Councils were provided to the committee.

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised the committee that for the Alice Springs Town Council skatepark, graffiti that is either offensive or slippery (i.e. metallic paint), is currently removed by the Council.

The Committee discussed the need to keep the surface safe, and ensuring there is no offensive messaging. The Committee also discussed the options of having other surfaces where people could graffiti, and also whether community art walls have previously been successful or not.

ACTION:

Manager Community and Cultural Development to come back to the Committee with the further information on:

- Feasibility of adding boards to the existing fence where people could use to paint on to encourage less painting on the skate park surface
- Check where a graffiti removal policy is necessary

4.7 Upcycle Festival 2021

The prize will open on Monday 8 February, with publicity starting at this point. After reviewing the suggested locations provided by PAAC, which included the Rediscovery Centre and Council Lawns, Manager Community and Cultural Development reported that the Rediscovery Centre has been chosen for the location of the exhibition, and Council officers have met with the Manager of the facility regarding how the space would be used for the exhibition.

The Committee raised some concerns regarding use of the Rediscovery Centre, including accessibility, and whether it would be more positive and accessible to use the Council lawns.

ACTION:

Manager Community and Cultural Development to review location options, including the Council lawns.

5. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

6. OTHER BUSINESS:**6.1 ASALC artwork**

\$16,000 GST excl. has been made available through the recent ASALC renovations towards public art as part of Council's public art policy. A budget of \$16,000 results in \$10,000 towards the project, with up to \$6,000 required for the concept proposal process, which is required as part of the commissioning process for artworks valued \$10,000 and over. Council Officers, including the ASALC Manager, have assessed locations for artwork, and needs of the facility. It is recommended that a mural is placed on the front walls of the facility, as the walls are currently looking quite old, and could be more colourful and inviting.

The proposed EOI is attached. The proposed curatorial theme for this project is: *Living water: water continues to shape Alice Springs and its people*. This is based off the curatorial themes of the Public Art Masterplan.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That Council supports an EOI process for a new public art work to be installed at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre with a total budget of \$16,000 GST excl.

Moved: Councillor Marli Banks
Seconded: Councillor Glen Auricht

6.2 Traffic calming devices in Todd Mall

Technical Services to provide an update at the next PAAC meeting.

6.3 Creative Arts Recovery Grants

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised the committee that Creative Arts Recovery Grant applications have reopened until the funds have been expended. The Community Grants program is also currently open.

ACTION:

Manager Community and Cultural Development to resend the grants link to Committee members.

7. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, **3 March 2021**, at 1:00pm

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm