

MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
 ON WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2020 at 1:00 PM
 ARUNTA ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan
 Councillor Catherine Satour (*Chair*)
 Councillor Marli Banks
 David Rilstone, Operations Manager - PlazArt
 Steve Anderson, Art Curator - Bachelor Institute
 Tamlyn Neck, Festivals and Events Manager - Red Hot Arts Central Australia
 Kieren Grassmayr, Arts NT (*phone-in; phoned in at 1:10pm*)
 Miriam Wallace, Architect - Susan Dugdale & Associates (*arrived at 1.13pm*)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Simon Duke, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services
 Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development (*minutes*)
 Takudzwa Charlie, Manager Technical Services

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Eli Melky
 Bron Field, Coordinator - Central Craft
 Kim Donald, visual artist
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant

13th Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Advisory Committee	3 Jul-19	7 Aug-19	4 Sep-19	2 Oct-19	6 Nov-19	5 Feb-20	11 Mar-20
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓ phone	✓ phone	A	✓	A	A	✓
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Councillor Catherine Satour	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Councillor Glen Auricht	✓	✓					
Councillor Eli Melky			✓	✓	✓	A	A
Steve Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Rilstone	A	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Miriam Wallace	A	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Madeline Krenek/Tamlyn Neck	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bron Field	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Kim Donald	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	A
Kieren Grassmayr (started 7/8/19)	A	✓ phone	A	A	A	✓ phone	✓ phone

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology recorded

The meeting opened at 1:04 pm.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held 5 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Councillor Marli Banks
Seconded: Steve Anderson

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

3.1 Miriam Wallace – Item 4.3, Todd Mall Entrance EOI

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 Traeger Oval wall EOI

Hayden Williams and Gap Youth Centre has been communicated to regarding their progression to the Design Development Stage, including PAAC's comments. He will present his developed design at the April PAAC meeting. Unsuccessful concept proposal artists have also been notified.

4.2 Public Art Master Plan

Kieren Grassmayr phoned in at 1:10pm

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised the Committee that the *Public Art Masterplan 2020-3030* has been updated by the consultants after meeting with PAAC in late 2019. The revised version has been circulated to the Committee.

Miriam Wallace arrived at 1:13pm

The Committee requested the following changes:

- Remove reference to Alice Springs News under agencies
- Move Northern Territory Government, and add Commonwealth Government, to top of Future Partners
- Include Alice Springs Art Foundation and Alice Springs Art Society as Future Partners
- Change wording under Strategies to: Consider the environmental impacts of all public art, as per Council's Climate Action Plan, Strategic Plan, Municipal Plan and any other action plans.
- Update wording under Support and Resources to: Public art can be sited in an interior or exterior location with the priority being to site works in areas of public access.
- Remove specific committees listed under Support and Resources.

Mayor Ryan informed the Committee that he does not support the current wording of the Public Art Policy, especially regarding the 'a target of 2% per project *must be* allocated to public art' reference, with its potential impact on Council's budget. Mayor Ryan also questioned that Council Officers don't bring capital works to Council with an allocation for public art, and the impact of this on budgets.

Manager Community and Cultural Development informed the Committee that the references to a 2% target in the Masterplan were directly taken from the Public Art Policy, endorsed by Council in November 2019. The Committee discussed the 'target of 2% per project *must be* allocated to public art' phrase, and sought clarity on how public art budgets were allocated through the Technical Services Department.

Manager Technical Services explained to the Committee that they have specific budgets for works projects, and that unexpected extra costs can come up, which doesn't always allow for a public art component. Acting Director Community Development said in future, the Technical Services Department could provide a list of applicable capital works projects for public art, as per the policy, for Elected Members to consider when setting the 2020/21 and future budgets.

Steve Anderson and Councillor Banks discussed the importance of integrating public art at the start and original designs of works projects, and factoring public art into the budget, not as a last-minute consideration.

The Chair initiated a vote on whether to suggest changes to the Public Art Policy. The majority of the Committee elected to not make any changes.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the draft Public Art Masterplan is approved by Council, with the changes discussed at the 11 March 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting applied to the document.

Moved: Miriam Wallace

Seconded: Councillor Marli Banks

4.3 Todd Mall Entrance EOI

Sue Dugdale and Associates has provided tender documents for the Todd Mall Entrance sign. Miriam Wallace gave a brief overview of the documents. Council will oversee the tender process for this project. Manager Technical Services explained to the Committee that as the project is under \$100,000, multiple quotes will be directly sought from contractors to complete the work.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the project. Miriam Wallace raised that she had a conflict of interest. The Chair advised Miriam to abstain from the vote.

Miriam Wallace abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED:

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the Todd Mall Entrance project goes ahead through a quotation process.

Moved: Steve Anderson

Seconded: Tamlyn Neck

4.4 Sporting Ovals EOI

Manager Community and Cultural Development summarised discussions on this topic from the February 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting. Due to time constraints, the committee decided to postpone this discussion until the April 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS:

Nil

6. OTHER BUSINESS:**6.1 Skate Park**

Manager Community and Cultural Development briefly updated the Committee regarding a public art opportunity at the Skate Park. Due to time constraints, the Committee decided to postpone this discussion until the April 2020 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting.

6.2 Library Wall Mural

Manager Community and Cultural Development provided an update on the Library Wall Mural project. A Strategic Arts grant was received in 2019 for Bindi Enterprise artist Billy Kenda to produce a mural on the Library wall.

Mayor Ryan and Councillor Satour questioned the process taken with this project, which had not previously been brought to the Public Art Advisory Committee. Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that the process did not contravene the Public Art Policy and Public Advisory Committee Charter at the time the grant was received, and followed direction of the then Director Corporate and Community Services (Skye Price) and CEO (Rex Mooney). Manager Community and Cultural Development Manager also advised that the new Public Art Policy (endorsed November 2019) now provides a delegation that through the Manager Community and Cultural Development, that all public art proposals are managed through the Public Art Advisory Committee and are approved by Council before commissioning.

The Committee requested that all future public artworks are to go through the Public Art Advisory Committee for review and update.

8. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, **1 April 2020**, at 1:00pm

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING:

The meeting adjourned at 1.56pm.