



**AGENDA
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**

Leander Activity Center
11880 Hero Way West, Suite 600 - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM



**Place 1 – Mical Roy
Place 2 – Keysha Bradford
Place 3 – Nekosi Nelson
Place 4 – Lisa Haynes
Place 5 – Reddy Yeduru**

**Place 6 – Sammy Panzarino
Place 7 – Steve Kuwitzky
Place 8 - Michael Herrera
Place 9 - Naruby Bollom
Council Liaison - Na'Cole Thompson
Staff Liaison - Greg Olmer**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.
2. Roll Call.
3. City Council Liaison Update.
4. Staff Liaison Update.
5. Sub-Committee Updates.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

6. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on March 13, 2024.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and consider action on a recommendation to the (Interim) City Manager to authorize a solicitation for a consultant for the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission Master Plan.
8. Discuss and consider a new Sculpture Project.
9. Discuss and consider new Mural.
10. Future Agenda Items
11. Closing Statements.
12. Adjournment

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Greg Olmer, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
4/10/2024

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on March 13, 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the minutes for the meeting held on March 13, 2024.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

RECOMMENDATION:

PRESENTER:

Amount requested:

Approved in current budget (Yes / No):

Expenditure (New / Amended):

Recurring or one-time:

Fund source (Operating / Utility / etc.):

Fiscal Impact

Attachments:

1. March Minutes



**MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting. Called to order at 6:04pm.
2. Roll Call. Everyone was present except Commissioner Bollom, Commissioner Kuwitzky, and Commissioner Haynes.
3. City Council Liaison Update Council Member Thompson gave updates on water restrictions, timeline for repairs along with strategies including on-line updates to the public on water conservation daily progress.
4. Staff Liaison Update Staff Liaison updated Commissioners on the budget and provided a handout on the current balance.
5. Sub-Committee Updates The subcommittees provided an update.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

6. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on February 13, 2024. The minutes were approved unanimously, 6 for 0 against. A motion was made by Commissioner Panzarino and seconded by Commissioner Herrera. The motion passed unanimously; 6 for 0 against.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and consider a review of the 2023 - 2024 goals and Master Plan. Discussion on handout provided to move forward with the recommendation of establishing a 'not to exceed \$49,000' in hiring a consultant through a City RFQ process. A motion was made by Commissioner Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Panzarino. The motion passed unanimously; 6 for 0 against.
8. Discuss and consider installing a Bill Pickett Art Project in San Gabriel Park. This item was tabled.
9. Discuss and consider a new Sculpture Project. Discussion on handouts provided of potential sites. Devine Lake was determined to be the best fit for the project. Not to exceed \$50,000 for display near

the playground, and begin the process for “Call for Art”. A motion was made by Commissioner Panzarino and seconded by Commissioner Bradford. The motion passed unanimously; 6 for 0 against.

10. Discuss and consider new Mural. This item was tabled for next month meeting.
11. Discuss and consider rescheduling the 2024 calendar year meetings. Discussion on full calendar year meetings and any needs for cancelation/rescheduling. Motion to cancel July 2024 meeting due to anticipated absences and a potential lack of quorum. A motion was made by Commissioner Panzarino and seconded by Commissioner Herrera. The motion passed unanimously; 6 for 0 against.
12. Discuss and consider the allocation of \$300 toward LPACC swag items for use at future events. A motion was made by Commissioner Herrera and seconded by Commissioner Panzarino. The motion passed unanimously; 6 for 0 against.
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Closing Statements
15. Adjournment Adjourned at 7:24pm

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
4/10/2024

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider action on a recommendation to the (Interim) City Manager to authorize a solicitation for a consultant for the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission Master Plan.

BACKGROUND:

Commissioners will review the Master Plan for all projects and events associated with the Commission.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

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1. LPACC Master Plan Meeting Points

Decisions:

1. Budget.

- Budget is set at \$49K
- We will submit an RFQ - Request of Qualifications with a budget ceiling

Motion to approve budget of \$49 K

Motion to approve approach of submitting an RFQ

2. Scope.

- Please review the current scope which was modeled after the city of Frisco's scope of work.
- At our next commission meeting we will have a discussion, point by point to see if we would like to include it in the scope.
- Also, please come ready to discuss any points that you would like to add to the scope.

Motion to approve scope as agreed to during the meeting

3. Timing

- We can submit the RFQ any Thursday in March. Our next meeting is on March 13th, so we can submit on 3/21/24 or 3/28/24.

Motion to approve timing as agreed to during meeting

4. Deciding committee.

- Recommendation from procurement is to have 2-3 commissioners and 2 members of city staff on deciding committee
- Discuss how we would like to proceed

Motion to approve deciding committee as agreed to during the meeting

Please review the following before our next meeting:

Proposed scope:

1. **SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:** The Contractor shall-
 - A. The Leander Public Art and Culture Master Plan is a substantial document in need of a refresh and new, updated goals.
 - B. The current art master plan can be found at the below website.
<https://www.leandertx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1695/Public-Art-Commission-Master-Plan-PDE>
 - C. The updated Public Art and Culture Master Plan should serve as a guide for the program over the next five years, with specific and realistic goals that can be accomplished by limited Parks and Recreation staff.
 - D. The City of Leander Art and Culture Master Plan update must include, but is not limited to:
 - i. A review of the current Public Art Master Plan and specific updated recommendations in

- accordance with public art best practices with an addition of Culture to the plan.
- ii. A review of the program vision, mission, and goals.
- iii. A review of the Public Art Ordinance and revision recommendations to better align with the new Master Plan.
- iv. A review of the role of the public art and culture program in Leander, past and present, and recommendations for how to align with the future goals of the Mayor and City Council.
- v. Interviews with key stakeholders such as City staff, the Parks and Recreation Department, and artists in the collection; focus groups with Leander residents.
- vi. An assessment of the current art collection and recommendations for collection management (including maintenance and conservation).
- vii. An assessment of current staffing workloads and recommendations for future staffing needs.
- viii. An assessment of the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission and Parks and Recreation staff roles.
- ix. A review of current funding protocols and recommendations for public art fund best practices.
- x. Recommendations for public/private partnership opportunities.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
4/10/2024

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider a new Sculpture Project.

BACKGROUND:

Commissioners want to install a sculpture project in the City. Possible locations include Devine Lake Park, Robin Bledsoe Park, or future San Gabriel Park.

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1. LPACC Park Sculpture Project Proposal

Park Sculpture Project

Proposal: Procure and install a permanent sculpture in one of our parks or public spaces.

Timeline: Call for Art in March 2024. Selection of art by LPACC by May 2024. Installation of Concrete Slab (Parks and Rec.) and of sculpture in Summer of 2024.

Budget: Maximum \$50,000

Ideas: The sculpture should be weather-safe. We will be looking for something interactive where people are able to touch it, sit on it, swing from it, etc. without causing damage to it. We will be looking for something colorful, whimsical, and stimulating. It must be appropriate in style for it's surrounding location.

Location Options:

Robin Bledsoe Park



Area 1 is the grassy area on the south side of the pavilion.



Area 2 is an area where there is a lot of foot traffic making its way into the park from the south lot. It is where the pathway splits off into two different directions. This would be a great location to “draw people in” and it would be visible from nearly anywhere in the park.



Area 3 is an open grassy area near the fields. It is a place where vendors set up their booths during large events.



Text example for Call for Art:

Robin Bledsoe Park Art Installation

Leander, Texas

Summary: The Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission is seeking to procure a permanent, site-specific, outdoor installation at Robin Bledsoe Park in Leander on 601 S. Bagdad Rd.

Budget: \$50,000

Deadline: Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 5 p.m. Central Time

How to apply: Submit electronically, see link below

Eligibility Requirements: Artists/ Artists Teams, at least 18 years of age, working within the 48 contiguous United States are eligible to submit their qualifications and letter of interest,

Special Notes: The installation will occupy a maximum area of 15' x 25' and must be contained within those dimensions. This is a high traffic area in the summer months, so the art must be durable and have no points or sharp edges than can pose a hazard to curious children and other park users. Furthermore, it must be made of a material that can withstand all Texas weather conditions. The commission is looking for something colorful, intriguing, whimsical, and fun. It can even be interactive. Leander Parks and Recreation will install a slab that will fit the style and dimensions necessary for the sculpture, which can also be modified or painted by the artist(s).

The Commission does not have a particular theme for this project and will be open to all ideas that best suits the installation area.

Examples of art:



Flower Sculpture on Santa Monica Blvd.

Tijay Mohammed & Beam Center Project Fellows, *Baobab Tree of Life*

April 14, 2023 to April 13, 2024

Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx

[Map/Directions \(in Google Maps\)](#)

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Description:

Baobab: Tree of Life is inspired by a succulent tree that provides food, medication, and shelter for its surrounding communities. The piece includes a wood Baobab tree, Adinkra symbols, and African fabric designs, all of which connect viewer to four hundred years of history from the African diaspora. Conceptually, the piece represents what it means to exist with an identity of your choice regardless of race, color, religion, nationality, gender, and ability. *Baobab: Tree of Life* was produced in a collaboration with Beam Center and its Project Fellows, a group of young adults who are recent arrivals to the U.S. Fellows learn prototyping and fabrication skills, gain the confidence to bring their own ideas to life and experience the power of making things together.



This exhibition is presented by [Beam Center](#) in partnership with the [Van Cortlandt Park Alliance](#).



Richards Park, located near the heart of North Kansas City across the street from the North Kansas City YMCA.

"Bloom" by artist Sijia Chen features North Kansas City imagery on the colorful sculpture's petals.



Rainbow Sculpture by YouFine Sculptures.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
4/10/2024

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider new Mural.

BACKGROUND:

Commissioners want to install a permanent mural. Options include locations at city park land, in addition possibly recreating a recent mural that was removed from private property.

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1. Fit Court





<https://www.nationalfitnesscampaign.com/fitness-court>