

VISUAL ARTS JURY

July 30, 2002

The Visual Arts Jury held a called meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Community Services conference room. Board members present were Lynn Barnett, Gail Russey, Jack Maxwell, James Wheeler, Lawrence Bertsch, and Marilyn Cluck. Board members absent were Judy Godfrey, Guinn Smith, Kathy Walker-Millar, Martha Kiel, and Chris Proctor-Cleveland. Community Services staff present were Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent and Sondra Cox, Executive Secretary. Others present: Amber Cree, Parks and Recreation Board Chair.

Bob Cheatham called the meeting to order.

Consider Proposed Sculpture Donation: Mr. Cheatham informed the Jury that there was an individual requesting to donate two pieces of iron sculpture to the Abilene Zoological Society. The pieces consist of a "Longhorn Skull," the Horns measure, tip-to-tip 22 feet and the skull is approximately 6 to 7 feet tall. The skull comes with a large lime stone base. The other is a smaller piece "A Prehistoric Dragon" measures approximately 6 to 7 feet in length. Mr. Cheatham reviewed the criteria of the Jury in accepting a piece of art to be displayed on public property. Mrs. Cree was present at the meeting to represent the Parks and Recreation Board and to convey the desire of the Abilene Zoological Society to accept the donation. There was discussion as to the placement of the items. It was noted that the Zoo had recently developed a master plan in which the Zoo will be expanded. James Wheeler made a motion to accept the donated items with the stipulation that either the Designer/Planner of the Master Plan or the Society's local architect consultant participate in the temporary and permanent placement of the items. Gail Russey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.