

VISUAL ARTS JURY

July 20, 2004

The Visual Arts Jury held a called meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Community Services conference room, located at 633 Walnut. Board members present were Lynn Barnett, Gail Russey, Jack Maxwell, Lawrence Bertsch, Chris Proctor-Cleveland, and Jack Harkins. Board members absent were Kathy Walker-Millar, Martha Kiel, Guinn Smith, Marilyn Cluck, and Judy Godfrey. Community Services staff present were Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent and Sondra Cox, Executive Secretary. Guest John Hill, representative from the Outdoor Sculpture Committee.

Bob Cheatham called the meeting to order.

Consider 2004-05 Sculpture Display on Lawn at City Hall: The Jury is reexamining this item in order to give Mr. John Hill an opportunity to present the Outdoor Sculpture Committee's recommendation to display the 2004-05 Sculpture exhibit on the lawn at City Hall. Mr. Hill noted that the Outdoor Sculpture Committee felt that the pieces were too small for the North First Street right-of-way and wanted a location where all the pieces could be kept together in an intimate setting. The Outdoor Sculpture Committee felt with the Center for Contemporary Art's exhibit in City Hall that the lawn would be a good choice for the exhibit. It would allow access to the smaller pieces by students and the public. The Jury felt that the original recommendation to place the exhibit along the Everman Park area would give more people access to the exhibit and that the landscaping was more attractive in Everman Park than at City Hall. The concerns that the Jury had about placing the exhibit at City Hall included the public's perception of funding and someone being offended by the pieces. Lynn Barnett suggested that signage be added to the exhibit regardless of where the exhibit is placed. Although the Jury felt that the lawn of City Hall was a great place to display art, they also felt that the selection of the art placed there, was critical. Chris Proctor-Cleveland made a motion that the Visual Arts Jury return the item to the Outdoor Sculpture Committee and ask that they reconsider their recommendation of the placement of the 2004-05 Sculpture display, with the Jury's recommendation that the exhibit be placed on the right-of-way from Vleta's Candies to The Arrangement, utilizing Everman Park. Lawrence Bertsch seconded the motion. With all in favor. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.