

VISUAL ARTS JURY

June 30, 2004

The Visual Arts Jury held a called meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Cultural Affairs Board Room, located at 1101 N. First Street (T & P Depot). Board members present were Lynn Barnett, Gail Russey, Jack Maxwell, Guinn Smith, Lawrence Bertsch, Judy Godfrey, and Jack Harkins. Board members absent were Kathy Walker-Millar, Martha Kiel, Chris Proctor-Cleveland, and Marilyn Cluck. Community Services staff present were Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent and Sondra Cox, Executive Secretary.

Bob Cheatham called the meeting to order.

Consider Proposed Sculpture Donation “Abilene Piers” by Randy Jewart: Mr. Cheatham informed the Jury that a group of citizens have purchased the “Abilene Piers” by Randy Jewart and would like to donate the piece to the City of Abilene. This piece is currently displayed on North First Street ROW. It consists of seven limestone piers of different heights. Judy Godfrey made a recommendation that the City accept the donation of the “Abilene Piers” sculpture and its permanent placement in its current location. Jack Harkins seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried. There was a recommendation that the piece be lighted.

Consider Proposed Sculpture Donation “Let’s Give Elizabeth a 10 for Enthusiasm” by David Deming: Mr. Cheatham informed the Jury that David Deming would like to donate the “Let’s Give Elizabeth a 10 for Enthusiasm” piece to the City of Abilene. This piece is currently located at Nelson Park in front of the Zoo. Lawrence Bertsch made a motion that the City of Abilene accept the donation of the “Let’s Give Elizabeth a 10 for Enthusiasm”. Gail Russey seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried. There was discussion on where the piece should be located. There was a motion from Jack Harkins that the first choice be Minter Park and the second choice be Everman Park. Guinn Smith seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried. The Jury also recommended that the piece be lighted.

Consider Proposed Entries for 2004-05 Sculpture Display: Lynn Barnett informed the Jury that the entries for the 2004-05 sculpture display includes pieces by Matt Clark, Cam Shoepf, Chris Powell, and Charles Wells. There was discussion as to where these pieces will be located. Due to their smaller scale, it was felt that the exhibit was not suited for the North First Street right-of-way. Councilman John Hill has recommended that the exhibit be placed in the lawn at City Hall. The Jury felt that City Hall was off-the-beaten-path for tourism. There was a motion from Judy Godfrey that the Jury recommends that the 2004-05 exhibit be placed along North First Street, from Vleta’s Candies to The Arrangement, utilizing Everman Park. Lawrence Bertsch seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

There was discussion on the condition of the flamingo that is at the Festival Gardens in Nelson Park. Lynn Barnett said she would contact Joe Barrington for any suggestions on reconditioning the piece.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.