

Texas A&M University – San Antonio

Arts, Grounds and Aesthetic Committee Meeting

February 21, 2022

10:30am – 11:30am

Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Roll Call: Corrin Le Vasseur, Justin Korver, Ernest Haffner, James Meyer, Mary Flood, Anna Romskog, Gavin Watts, Stephanie Black, Joseph Pickering, Gary Coulton, Elizabeth Murakami

Absent: Valerie Barrera, Sarah Castillo, Michelle Janysek, Lanie Perez, Cecilia Espitia, Eliaz McCullen, Kathryn Funk-Baxter

- I. Minutes from January 11, 2021

- II. Update from Subcommittees
 - a. Grounds, Gardens and Outdoor Spaces Improvement Subcommittee (Mary Flood)
 - b. Fostering community Partnerships Subcommittee (Justin Korver)
 - i. Have been on hold currently while the mural process is going on.
 - ii. Will have more at the next meeting.
 - c. Student Volunteer Lead Opportunities Subcommittee (Joseph Pickering)
 - i. Black Lives Matter group really loves the sidewalk project.
 - ii. Jaguars remember – light up the dome or darken the dome rather so that is a memorial type of event. April 29th is the current date that is scheduled.
 1. Has not been approved in the past.
 2. An official university wide event.

- III. Projects in Progress
 - a. Street Names Signage-Committee to vote on four mock-ups - Ernest

- i. Four mock-ups of the street signs were sent out for the committee to vote on.
 - ii. This will be an identity for the campus for people that are coming to the campus.
 - iii. Basic design is relatively the same just a few minor changes on each
 - 1. Street sign 1 - 1 vote
 - 2. Street sign 2 – 2 votes
 - 3. Street sign 3 – 4 votes
 - a. Will go to this for visibility purposes after committee discussion
 - 4. Street sign 4 – 6 Votes
 - a. The light background could be harder to read from far away and logo could be looked at as another letter.

- b. Memorial/Asian Garden Update – Ernest
 - i. Got an update for the cost estimate
 - 1. Corrin will meet with Kathryn Funk-Baxter to discuss
 - ii. New location is in the green lawn area that is southeast of CAB
 - iii. Times New Roman Font

- c. Mural Committee – Corrin/Justin
 - i. 20 applications for the mural project
 - 1. Last time around we had 3 applications
 - 2. Potentially will have more people submit before tonight
 - ii. Established criteria that will be used for each applicant
 - 1. 8 different criteria
 - 2. Scaled from 1-5
 - iii. Open call closes on February 21st (Tonight)
 - iv. Each artist will be scored
 - v. 3 artists will be brought to this committee to be evaluated
 - vi. Artists will have to be approved by the President
 - vii. Final artist will be announced at the end of March
 - viii. Will be painting in May

- ix. Possible engage students with the artists
 - 1. Don't actually have "art" majors
 - x. Met with Sebastian in January and discussed him possibly engaging with students to discuss his art or as anything related to art.
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- d. Black Lives matter Sidewalk Painting- Mary
 - i. Skin tones are now down
 - ii. Will meet with Jarrick to ask some questions before it is finalized
 - e. Ring Monument- Joseph
 - i. Still on schedule for April 6th to have it on campus
 - ii. In the process of the casting right now
 - f. Entryway to A&M-SA Renderings update – Ernest
 - i. Still working on the conceptual design
 - ii. Has not presented any updates since the previous design
 - g. Dead Tree update – Ernest
 - i. Assessment will be done on what it will costs to replace the trees
 - ii. Working with the city to see if we can get any trees from the city
 - h. New Library, College of Business Building Pics – Corrin
 - i. Ernest Haffner took some pictures and will send out to everyone after meeting is adjourned.
 - ii. Possibly have interior pictures of the building by next meeting.
 - iii. Mary Flood shows a PowerPoint related to the interior
 - 1. Colors
 - 2. Rooms
 - 3. Design
 - iv. Not ideal to budget art into the building budget.

- i. Open Topics

- IV. Art Now – San Antonio Museum of Art is sponsoring Wendy Red Star “A Scratch on the Earth” From February 11th through May 8, 2022 at the Cowden Gallery. To hear Keynote Speaker Wendy Red Star February 25 & 26th at the 24th Annual Mays Symposium. Tickets: <https://www.samuseum.org/events/event/mays-symposium>

- V. Next Meeting – Doodle Poll will be sent out for April Meeting

- VI. Adjourned: 11:27am