

Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Campus Art and Ground Aesthetics Committee

July 21, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m.

**Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Minutes**

Attendees:

Anna Romskog, Cecilia Espitia, David McKenna, Eliaz McCullen, Gary Coulton, Gavin Watts, Jacob Goldstein, James Meyer, Justin Korver, Kathryn Funk- Baxter, Mariela Lopez, Mary Walker, Michelle Janysek, McDonald Gregg, Richard Delgado, Valerie Barrera

Absent:

Joseph Pickering, Sean Vina, Antoinette Curl, Leah Musquiz, Sarah Castillo, Stephanie Black, Tamara Hinojosa

- I. Welcome (Kathy Funk- Baxter)
 - a. Membership for FY22

- II. Minutes from May 17, 2021
 - a. Minutes distributed via email June 17 and included in calendar invite.
 - b. No updates or edits to minutes.

- III. Updated from Subcommittees
 - a. Classroom Hall Wall Mural/ Mosaic Subcommittee (David Mckenna)
 - i. The two final candidates are...
 - Oscar Alvarado
 - David Blanco
 - ii. Next is forwarding on to the President for input and having Dr. Matson discuss with the person we chose.
 - b. Grounds, Gardens, and Outdoor Spaces Improvements Subcommittee (Mary Walker)
 - i. Still working on getting Craig's name on to the projects.

- ii. Order a lot of outside furniture. A little bit of a slowdown on the steal manufacture but should see arrivals around late October.
 - c. Fostering Community Partnerships Subcommittee (Justin Korver)
 - i. Latinx Art Appreciation and Partnership with Margarita.
 - ii. Photography I and Partnership with Ian Witlen
 - iii. Partnering as a host for Contemporary Art Month

Need Funding to Support this Innovation Teaching, Art Events, and Exhibitions

- 17,500- Artist's Fee to pay Margarita Cabrera
- 2000- For Community Dialog Events (Have applied for PCOE)
- 3000- For Panel Discussion (Have applied for PCOE)

- iv. Photography I Events for Fall 2021

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- 8,500- To purchase 14 more cameras so every student has access to have a camera throughout the semester.
- 4,000- Large Format printer that would allow students to print their photographs for the final exhibition and photo books.

- d. Student Volunteer Lead Opportunities Subcommittee (Joseph Pickering)
 - i. Adding the story of the ring to the Ring monument by creating a wall with all the details of the ring.
 - ii. Incorporating an outdoor ring monument as well near the University seal and suggestions were made to be able to make it moveable and not to completely leave it outside.

IV. Projects in Progress

- a. Jaguar Reflections (installation) - Mariela Lopez
 - i. A series of 3 panels

- First would be a Civic Environment incorporating BLM, Solidary Rally, etc. This panel will be noted with acrylic pieces
- Second panel would be the 100th anniversary of Women's suffrage and third panel would be over Covid-19. These two panels are still in the develop stages.
- Working on still completing the first panel first.
- Got permission to move the placement of the safety "EXIT" sign that is front of the jaguar reflection wall and is in the process in getting corrected.

b. Nuestra Gente- Mariela Lopez

- i. Located in the classroom hall 1st floor.
- ii. Artist is Bernadette Pena, she painted Nuestra Gente a tribute to Hispanic natives and dreamers.
- iii. One of the sets of the painting is already up, but is still missing other portraits of children portraying different dreamers of around the world.
- iv. The artist Bernadette also wanted to add a portrait of Dr. Matson.
- v. On the opposite side of the exhibit wall there is blank wall where there is bench and on the blank wall to add a quote. People will be able to sit on the bench and reflect over mural and quote.
- vi. A QR code will be added to scan to give the bio and all the information of each portrait that is on the wall.
- vii. It should be ready to have an opening the begging of Hispanic heritage month.

c. Entryway to A&M-SA renderings (tentative)- Kathy Funk Baxter

- i. Kathy will email everyone over the entryway.

d. Direction for Interior for College of Business and Library Building- David McKenna

- i. Interior presentations have been made.
- ii. Final reviews need to be done but it's about 90% completed.

e. Partnership with SAAAMCO- Mary Walker

- i. Have identify a location for prints of African American Scientist that will go in Science and Technology.

- f. Way Finding- David McKenna
 - i. In the process of getting the equipment around November.

- g. Courtyard Seal update- Kathy Funk Baxter
 - i. Had issues with the Title sample, but in the process of replacing them already.
 - ii. Still on target for have it ready for ring day ceremony.

Art of Four- Mary Ellen Walker

- a. Asian Garden- Kathy Funk Baxter
 - ii. Searching for a landscape Architect

- b. Memorial Garden-Kathy Funk Baxter
 - i. Just got a proposal on it.
 - ii. Next is moving forward with a landscape Architect.

Discussion/ Open Topics

- a. Save the Date: Beam Signing Event Wednesday, September 1 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

V. Next meeting

VI. Adjourn