

## PUBLIC ART AND DESIGN BOARD

December 8, 2015

4:30 PM, RMB Room 303

Present: Susan Cannon, Laurent de Comarmond (Chair), Scott Hazard, Linda Noble, Bob Rankin (Vice-Chair), Kathleen Rieder

Absent: Adam Cave

Staff: Chris Johnson, Design/Construction Manager, City of Raleigh  
Kim Curry-Evans, Public Art Coordinator, Office of Raleigh Arts  
Sandi Sullivan, Administrative Assistant, Office of Raleigh Arts

### Call to Order

Chair, Laurent de Comarmond, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

### Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2015

Kathleen Rieder made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Bob Rankin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### Discussion Items

#### **HPA Funds Allocation - Transportation Projects**

This item was discussed at length on 9/29/15 and was re-visited on 10/27/15. Laurent reviewed key points from last meeting's discussion which were as follows:

- Current development of the Oberlin Rd. streetscape would very likely disrupt any project undertaken there.
- The current phase of the New Bern Ave. project is small and there are larger plans in the works for a major, multi-phase project that would transform New Bern into a gateway to the city.
- Is too much money being allocated on Hillsborough St. rather than distributing the funds more evenly across the city?
- Consensus was not reached at the meeting on 10/27/15 for how the funds should be allocated.

FY 16 allocations are coming from three projects:

- New Bern Avenue - \$11,500
- Oberlin Road - \$7,585
- Mitchell Mill Road - \$47,742 (left over from FY 15)

A lengthy discussion ensued during which the following key points/questions were discussed:

- What is the predicted cost of the bus shelter for Hillsborough Street and would it use up the entire HPA allocation? Chris Johnson indicated an estimate would be needed from the artists, but even with transportation contributing funds for standard bus shelter costs, it would likely use up the entire allocation.
- What would happen to the old trolley rails if not used for the bus shelter? Kim clarified that the rails are not owned by the City so the answer was unknown, but it is unlikely that they would be discarded.
- Chris again stressed that there is much uncertainty with regard to both the Oberlin and New Bern projects, and that it would probably be close to two years before construction/road improvements begin on New Bern.
- Chris reported that there are several larger transportation projects coming up next year: Old Wake Forest Rd., Tryon Rd., Rock Quarry Rd., and Oberlin Rd. There is also additional funding coming from bond money this year: Poole Rd, Six Forks Rd., and Blue Ridge Rd. among them.
- \$67,000 is not a substantial amount of money when it comes to public art. Might it be better to wait and pool additional funds at a later date in order to do something more substantial that would have maximum impact?

- Chris indicated if a project were undertaken on New Bern now, it may not work with the rest of the corridor when it is ultimately completed.
- Kim suggested that allocating funds could be postponed to a future date when more money is accrued and the outcome of ongoing projects is more certain.
- Mitchell Mill Rd. should be completed by 2017, so those funds carried over from FY 15 cannot be held indefinitely.
- Kim will present an overview of public art projects throughout the city at the next meeting, both completed and ongoing.

Kathleen Rieder made a motion to table the discussion until next month, and hold the \$66,827 in funds because it is currently premature to allocate funds for public art to either Oberlin Rd. or New Bern Ave., though intent would be to potentially pool funds and use them at a later date in one or both of those areas. Linda Noble seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chris Johnson added the Hillsborough St. project should end construction in May of 2016, and that a standard bus shelter would most likely be installed during the summer of 2017, so if the Board were still considering using the funds on Hillsborough St. for an enhanced transit shelter with a public art component, a decision would need to be made soon.

The Board agreed to have Kim inform artist David Dahlquist that a decision with regard to the bus shelter has been postponed.

#### Updates

##### **Current CIP Public Art Projects**

Kim reported that the install of the sculptural elements at Critical Public Safety will be the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### CORAC Report

None

#### Public Comments

None

#### Other Business

Laurent reported that PADB and CORAC presented their work plans at the last City Council meeting and they were approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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