

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

PULLMAN ARTS COMMISSION (PAC)

March 9, 2021

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The meeting was held by Zoom

Members present:

John Rich

D. Brady Boone

Brandon Burch

Joanna Bailey chaired the meeting.

Others present:

Dan Records, City Council member and chair of the Mural Project Subcommittee; Anthony Kuipers, Daily News
There were also members of the public who joined the zoom meeting; I was late to the meeting and missed the introductions.

The Pullman Arts Commission is down to a **skeleton group of 3 members** following the **resignation of 4** members after the February meeting and the Racism Mural presentation to the Pullman City Council.

- 1) Dan Records explained the **City policy about Art in Public Places**. There is/will be (?) a site plan with places around town for public art. PAC will need to get in touch with other city commissions, i.e. Parks and Rec, Public Works, Police and Fire, when exploring art installations.

2) Window Walk

The members who resigned were the subcommittee for the Window Walk project. PAC decided to postpone Window Walk and will re-evaluate the project with a full PAC.

3) Mural

The suggestion from the City Council Subcommittee is to have a series of panels instead of one mural on the Main/Spring Street retaining wall. A virtual town hall meeting is scheduled for March 16 to gather input from the community, followed by a survey, establishing qualifications for the artists and a call to artists. Commissioners voiced objections to the "qualifications" part.

It is the goal to combine the unveiling of the Mural/ Panel with a June 19th celebration with a Street Fair, Artwalk and Window Walk. PAC will coordinate the artist selection with city staff and the mural subcommittee.

4) Utility Boxes

Brady Boone will contact Allegra to finalize the wrapping costs for the 2 boxes on Grand/ Bishop and Grand /Davis Way. The artwork has already been selected.

5) Election of Commissioners

Brandon Burch nominated John Rich and D. Brady Boon as chair and co-chair of PAC.

There will be a press release from the city to invite applications to join the Pullman Arts Commission.

It was pointed out several times that **PAC has only an advisory function to the City Council**; the Council makes the final decisions.

I encourage members of the Pullman League to attend the Town Hall on the 16th and voice their opinions and give feedback to City Council regarding the BLM/ Racism panel.