



## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2025 / 2:30-4 p.m.

Jessie Ball duPont Center, duPont Conference Room, Ste. 300

**Invitees:** Gigi Ackerman Schwartz (Chair), David Faliszek (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Heuer (Secretary), Karen Feagins, Jovial Harper, Ylva Rouse, Heather Terrill, Larry Wilson

**CCGJ and COJ Staff:** Kat Wright (Director of Public Art), Jennifer Clements (Galloway-Gonzalez Consulting), Ashley Smith (COJ Office of General Counsel)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4573864081?omn=82275113699>

Meeting ID: 457 386 4081

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** *An in-person quorum of 50% +1 is required to take any action on motions. The work of the Art in Public Places Committee (APPC) for the City of Jacksonville (COJ) requires motions be made in order for public art projects to move forward per City Ordinance.*

### CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz

- The meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by vice chair Faliszek. Chair Schwartz arrived at 2:37.

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz	Y	Jovial Harper	N (virtual)
David Faliszek	Y	Ylva Rouse	Y
Elizabeth Heuer	Y	Heather Terrill	Y
Karen Feagins	Y	Larry Wilson	Y

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- None received.

### ACTION ITEM - VOTING, May 14, 2025, APPC Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** The minutes of the May 2025 Art in Public Places Committee meeting are approved as written.
- Motion: Heather
- Second: Ylva

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz	Y	Jovial Harper	N/A
David Faliszek	Y	Ylva Rouse	Y
Elizabeth Heuer	Y	Heather Terrill	Y
Karen Feagins	Y	Larry Wilson	Y

- The motion was approved as written.

## UPDATES

Kat Wright

- Kat shared the public art dashboard with overall project updates
- For the first time in nearly 3+ years, the dashboard is down to one page – a big part of this is the crosswalk murals being removed (which we'll get into a little bit later)
- Looking to reconvene the courthouse project – thinking early to mid-august before we can convene due to the high-profile nature of this project
- CCGJ was recognized for all 4 city projects completed last year by the Florida Association of Public Art
- Mayor released her budget on Monday and CCGJ proposed much less than last year; for public art the most routine source of funding is the capital allocation – expecting ~\$230,000 this year; will go through finance committee, etc. Before being approved
- The dream is to have more funding for public art operations – we have to fundraise for additional support staff for public art
- Diana has drafted an advocacy email that she would like me to forward along to you to help advocate to your city council members on behalf of CCGJ and our APP program
  - o Karen agreed that we should absolutely be advocating, but that we should expect, given the current climate, that we will not see additional funding
  - o Arts Awards on September 5 will offer an opportunity for fundraising
  - o Have a new development director on board who is already making headway in sponsorships
- FDOT memo in your packet – initiating a safe roads campaign to reduce transportation fatalities – requesting each state DOT to determine safety data, where crashes occur, etc. Our understanding is that current activations/murals on the roadways will need to be removed – still being discussed by the powers that be so results are TBD

## OLD BUSINESS

Kat Wright

### Publicly Funded Projects (Other)

- \$150,000 to split among 6 CPACs to implement public art in each CPAC
- Kat reviewed evaluation criteria for the CPAC projects
- We've seen some really good, exciting work that maximizes the budget available
- By August 12 we'll have the final two designs to review/approve
- **CPAC Public Art Initiative Final Designs**
  - o **Urban Core CPAC "Wings of Change" Sculptural Wall Hanging**
    - Kennedy Center Atrium – lots of work already done, lots of work still to be done on rehabbing this area
    - Blue butterfly sculptures of varying sizes will be attached to the wall in shades of blue
    - Work was done to ensure the butterflies would not be climbable
    - Install scheduled for 9/19
    - No permitting costs, so budget can be maximized
    - Not a lot of direct sunlight hits that wall throughout the day, so the colors should not fade too much – expecting a 20-year lifespan thanks to durable materials and low maintenance

### ACTION ITEM - VOTING, "Wings of Change" Sculptural Wall Hanging

**Motion:** The Art in Public Places Committee approves “Wings of Change,” the sculptural wall hanging design at the Kennedy Community Center for the Urban Core CPAC as recommended by the Artwork Selection Panel.

- Motion: David
- Second: Karen

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz	Y	Jovial Harper	N/A
David Faliszek	Y	Ylva Rouse	Y
Elizabeth Heuer	Y	Heather Terrill	Y
Karen Feagins	Y	Larry Wilson	Y

○ **North CPAC “Big Woofs and Tiny Tails” Dog Park Artistic Elements**

- Oceanway Park is expansive with a number of amenities – one of few city parks that features a dog park, including one for large and one for small dogs
- CPAC overwhelmingly chose artistic elements on the fencing to add some color and assist with wayfinding
- d. lance vickery created multiple signage options to indicate the different entrances and provide colorful wayfinding from the parking lot
- Kat shared estimated dimensions and weights of pieces – all powder coated aluminum
- Install date of 9/12
- No structural drawings needed because of simplistic install along the fence and into concrete sidewalks
- Finishes will make cleaning easy – doesn't anticipate powder coating needing to be replaced, but if it does the cost would be minimal
- Larry asked how the elements will be attached to the fence – no drawing to illustrate in the paperwork provided – we did have a parks representative in the meeting who did not have concerns

**ACTION ITEM - VOTING, “Big Woofs and Tiny Tails” Artistic Elements**

**Motion:** The Art in Public Places Committee approves “Big Woofs and Tiny Tails,” the dog park artistic elements at Oceanway Park for the North CPAC as recommended by the Artwork Selection Panel.

- Motion: Larry
- Second: Heather
- All voted yes

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz		Jovial Harper	N/A
David Faliszek		Ylva Rouse	
Elizabeth Heuer		Heather Terrill	

Karen Feagins		Larry Wilson	
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○ **Southeast CPAC “Draw and Dream” Sculptural Benches**

- Deerwood Children’s Rotary Park – seating was overwhelmingly requested by the CPAC
- Parks is looking to reinvigorate this park with new turf, new play structures (budget permitting)
- There will be two sculptural seating elements
- Shade was a big part of the committee discussion and one of the two final benches will have a built-in shade structure
- This install will require a concrete pour to allow for legs of seating to be protected from landscape maintenance – will extend the concrete from the existing concrete outside the restrooms
- One of the benches will be ADA compliant
- Primary color will be orange, with red as a backup in case supply chain issues prevent us from getting the selected color
- Install date of 9/20
- Ylva raised the question of heat and the selected medium – will people be able to sit on them after they’ve been in the sun all day?
  - Kat said there will be a heat reducing coating applied – due diligence was done in terms of siting
- Larry asked if the City has any plans to plant additional trees as part of the park refurbishment
- Karen mentioned the city has a tree program where they will plant trees for free – perhaps we could suggest this as an option
- Have been working closely with Parks and Rec on this project because of the need for concrete pour – have discussed trees already but happy to suggest utilizing the City’s free tree program
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**ACTION ITEM VOTING, “Draw and Dream” Sculptural Benches**

**Motion:** The Art in Public Places Committee approves “Draw and Dream,” the sculptural benches at Deerwood Children’s Rotary Park for the Southeast CPAC as recommended by the Artwork Selection Panel.

- Motion: Ylva
- Second: Larry
- All vote yes

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz		Jovial Harper	N/A
David Faliszek		Ylva Rouse	
Elizabeth Heuer		Heather Terrill	
Karen Feagins		Larry Wilson	

○ **Greater Arlington/Beaches CPAC “A Fine Day” Sculptural Signage**

- Beachwood Community Center – set back pretty far from the road/parking; artist wanted the signage to be outside of the fence for max visibility – unfortunately because of zoning, the signage will have to be much closer to the building/behind the fence
- Colors selected are very bright/tropical - lettering will be in white rather than laser cut for max visibility
- 4” concrete footers to elevate the signage off the ground for consideration of landscaping and maintenance
- Would love for parks and rec or some other entity to install lighting later on to maximize the visibility
- We won’t know the exact location of install until the permitting – we just know minimum 5’ away from the building and still behind the fence
- Question raised about moving the fence – that’s a capital improvement that doesn’t fall under the APP purview (that would fall to Parks & Rec) and would be an additional expense
- The timeline and time of year has made this process very difficult to have the extensive conversations we wish we could have, but these projects are all still major improvements and will hopefully get the ball rolling for additional community improvements
- Install date of 9/17
- Expect minimal expenses for cleaning and maintenance – same materials and finishes as the other projects discussed today, which were all chosen for max lifetime and min. maintenance

**ACTION ITEM VOTING, “A Fine Day” Sculptural Signage**

**Motion:** The Art in Public Places Committee approves “A Fine Day,” the sculptural signage at Beachwood Community Center for the Southeast CPAC as recommended by the Artwork Selection Panel.

- Motion: Heather
- Second: Karen
- All vote yes

Gigi Ackerman Schwartz		Jovial Harper	N/A
David Faliszek		Ylva Rouse	
Elizabeth Heuer		Heather Terrill	
Karen Feagins		Larry Wilson	

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- The next APPC meeting will be August 13 in the duPont Fund large conference room, suite 300.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**Gigi Ackerman Schwartz**