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City of Jackson Public Arts Commission
Meeting of Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom platform

I. Call to order

A. Attendance: Rachel Veramay, Angela Edward, Kelli Hoover, Derek Dobies, Laura Dwyer Schlecte, Jonathan Greene, Mia Porter Williams, Kaiti McDonough, Amy Mills

B. Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Edward, second by Dwyer Schlecte, motion passed.

C. Announcements from Members and City Staff: Chairperson Kim Curtis resigned; seeking new members and appointments to chair, co-chair, treasurer, and secretary positions.

D. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by McDonough to add Nite Lite mural and approve agenda, second by Veramay, motion passed.

E. Treasurer Report: No significant change.

II. Comments from the Public in Attendance (3 minutes)

A. Public in attendance included Tricia Chamberlain and Lana Kane on behalf of the proposed mural on Washington. They are painting the mural considering recent events to highlight the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as partake in the Juneteenth celebration.

B. Derek Dobies, as a city resident, has urged the council to approve both Black Lives Matters murals in the city.

III. New Business
A. Black Lives Matter Mural on Washington: Mural proposed for Juneteenth celebration to be painted on the street in the center turning lane on Washington between S. Jackson and Mechanic Streets. The paint will be yellow and mural organizers are looking to collaborate with Bright Walls to have artists paint over letters with themes and designs later in the summer. There is currently no maintenance plan. Mural organizers are working with area businesses to provide any electrical needs for the area during the Juneteenth celebration.

Motion to approve as a one time mural without a current maintenance plan or city responsibility for maintenance at this time, to be revisited in the future: Edward, second by McDonough, motion passed.

B. Black Lives Matter Mural on High: The mural on High was already painted, but still must go through the approval process. The letters span both east and west bound lanes in green, black, and red. No maintenance plan was filed with the city.

Motion to endorse the mural without a current maintenance plan or city responsibility for maintenance at this time, to be revisited in the future: Dwyer Schlecte, second by Porter Williams, motion passed.

C. Nite Lite Mural: The mural application was not received prior to work being completed on the building. McDonough had reached out several times for the application with no success but was able to obtain it prior to adjourning this meeting. The proposed mural is of the entire west facing wall adjacent to Pearl Street, with a rendering showing a tribute to Benny Poole.

Motion to approve the mural as submitted on the application: Dwyer Schlecte, second by Edward, motion passed.

IV. Other Business

A. Future Agenda Items:
   i. Election of chair, co-chair, treasurer, and secretary.
   ii. Work with city attorney to reinstate orientation for new members.
   iii. Crane sculpture unveiling plans.
   iv. Review ordinance to broaden members to city residents and city business owners.

B. Next Meeting: July 21st, 2020