

**SHELBYVILLE PLAN COMMISSION  
SUMMARIZED MINUTES  
January 22, 2018**

Terry James called the meeting to order.

**Members Present:** Wade Lewis, Gary Nolley, Joe Lux, Matt House, Terry James, Mike Evans, Doug Cassidy, Miguel Ortiz, Joanne Bowen.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bryant Niehoff, Adam Rude

**Election of Officers:** Terry James opened the floor for nominations. Joanne Bowen made a nomination for Terry to remain president and Mike Evans seconded the motion. Voice vote 8 – 0.

Terry opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Doug Cassidy nominated Mike Evans for vice president and Joe Lux seconded the nomination. Voice vote 9 – 0.

Terry opened the floor for nominations for secretary. Mike Evans nominated Bryant Niehoff for planning secretary and Doug Cassidy seconded the motion. Voice vote 9 – 0.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike Evans made a motion to approved the December 28, 2017 meeting's minutes. Joanne Bowen seconded the motion. Voice vote 9 – 0.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** *PC 2017-18 Williams Industries Annexation Request*

Bryant Niehoff explained that this petition was filed in December, thus it has a 2017 docket number and will be reflected in the 2017 docket.

Jason Karmire, representing Williams & Williams, LLC, discussed the petition, explaining how this parcel was left out of the city limits.

- Joanne Bowen had no questions.
- Miguel Ortiz had no questions.
- Doug Cassidy had no questions.
- Mike Evans had no questions.

- Matt House asked how it affects Williams and the city by it not being annexed. Bryant and Jason explained about the taxing of the building which is a small change. It's mostly just a housekeeping issue in cleaning up the records.
- Joe Lux had no questions.
- Gary Nolley had no questions.
- Wade Lewis had no questions.
- Terry James reminded the board that when it comes time for a motion that it include the classification of the land.

Terry closed the meeting to the board and opened it to the public. Since no one came forward, Terry closed it to the public and reopened it to the board for further comments. There being none, Terry called for a motion. Joe Lux made a motion for a favorable recommendation to the City Council for the proposed annexation. Mike Evans seconded the motion. Ballot vote: Miguel Ortiz – yes, Joanne Bowen – yes, Mike Evans – yes, Doug Cassidy – yes, Wade Lewis – yes, Gary Nolley – yes, Joe Lux – yes, Matt House – yes, Terry James – yes.

#### *PC 2018-01 Shelbyville Plan for Public Art*

Bryant Niehoff read the petition and Amy Haacker discussed the plan, explaining that it would give a framework for art throughout the community.

- Miguel Ortiz had no questions.
- Doug Cassidy asked why the Balser statue couldn't be the gateway art feature since it represents Shelbyville. Amy said there were plans to incorporate the Balser stature in the downtown redevelopment closer to the East Washington side. She said that it's not big enough for what they're looking at as a feature upon entering the community.
- Joanne Bowen said she'd asked in a City Council meeting why the sculpture wasn't going to be put on the land where the trailhead is and was told that there are a lot of underground utilities there.
- Amy Haacker said that this sculpture would be at the Porter Center where the trail picks up. She went on to explain more about the models and what's planned for them.
- Mike Evans had no questions.
- Matt House had no questions.
- Joe Lux asked about the public safety in regard to the sculpture. Amy said that the artists have to provide a structural engineering report with their proposal. He asked what the cost to the city would be. Amy said \$50,000 was accepted by the Council. She said that there would be lots of opportunities for local artists as well. Joe asked if it would be lit up at night and Amy said she thought so.
- Gary Nolley asked about the location of the crosswalk and discussion followed about the safety of it. Gary said he was impressed with the detail shown in the plan. Gary asked if the art Amy had referenced that will be installed along Progress Parkway can be seen yet. Karen Martin said the examples are similar to what Bloomington has. They're going to have Shares design them, then a local fabricator put them together. Gary

asked Amy to talk about the funded ones on the map and discussion followed. Gary asked about the mural project at the “new” city parking lot on E. Washington Street. Bryant said it’s a Leadership Shelby County project which is actually in the alley between McNeely’s law office and Rendezvous. Gary said he appreciates the arts.

- Wade Lewis asked if this plan would come back to the Plan Commission for the details since it’s just an amendment. Bryant said this is a recommendation on the plan itself. The City Council will have the final decision in terms of the resolution in adopting it. In terms of the specific projects, he and Adam can keep the Plan Commission updated, but it’s not something that would have to come to the board for approval.
- Amy said that if the board wanted an annual report on the progress of the public art plan, they’d be happy to keep the board updated. More discussion followed on that.
- Gary asked who would be in charge of deciding what will be allowed. Amy said there will probably be selection committees. There is one in place for the sculpture. Lots of discussion followed.
- Miguel Ortiz asked if there was a landscape architect involved and Amy said no, but it’s a good idea. Landscaping discussion followed.
- Terry asked Bryant to explain why this needs to be a part of the Comprehensive Plan. Bryant said it’s the Plan Commission’s tool to formally recommend to the City Council or become a formal policy. He discussed the other sub plans of the Comprehensive Plan as well. Terry asked what “placemaking” is. Bryant said it’s a broad term that’s being used in planning and community development across the nation. It’s in terms of small public and private investments in public spaces to reclaim some of those public spaces, like the alley he talked about earlier, making those spaces more friendly, livable, exciting environments by adding lighting, public parks, landscaping. Terry said that we claim to be progressive and that includes embracing the arts. Terry asked Amy to explain what the thinking is behind having someone manage the art around town. Amy said having an outside professional facilitator to oversee the follow-up is beneficial. More discussion followed with encouragement.
- Joanne Bowen said the city parking lot on E. Washington needs a mural or something.
- Terry asked Amy when she anticipated the things in the plan coming to fruition. Amy said the models for the sculpture are due February 1<sup>st</sup> with the final selection taking place by March 15<sup>th</sup>. They’ll notify the artist who wins to begin and it should be done by the end of 2018. The Progress Parkway art should be done and installed this year as well. The mural and alley activation should be done within the next couple of years. Some of the other projects are 2019 or later.
- Joanne Bowen asked Amy if when one is finished if another will come online for work. Amy said she tries to keep that in the conversation.
- Mike Evans asked if the artwork on Progress Parkway is inside the lanes or to the side. Karen said they’re off to the side. Once they’re in place, Mike clarified that they’ll be owned and taken care of by the city.
- Doug Cassidy said that the west side of town is neglected and asked if anything would be on the west side. Amy said she thought there would be a gateway feature out there.

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- Betsy Stephen, chair of the Shelby Arts Alliance, introduced the new director for the Alliance, Lindy Conover-Thompson, a graduate of Ball State.
- Lindy Conover-Thompson spoke to the board.
- Perry Pepka(?) asked if the city was paying \$100,000 for the sculpture and Bryant said no. They are paying \$50,000. Mr. Pepka wants to make sure everything is practical and expressed concerns about people being able to see the gateway coming over the bridge due to traffic concerns. He also talked about work that he used to do for an artist and discussed those projects in Indianapolis and asked that local people be used. He also stressed maintenance on the projects and vandalism in the budget. He said that who owns the art and what happens to it needs to be determined up front to avoid problems/lawsuits later. Bryant then addressed Mr. Pepka's concerns saying that it's economically motivated to keep young people in the community. Amy said that some of the artists who've visited have asked about sourcing materials locally as well as doing the work of constructing the sculpture. Mike Helbing, who now lives in Chicago but was born here, is submitting a proposal.
- Gary Nolley asked if the ownership issue would be addressed in the contract with the artist. Amy said yes, the artist will not own the piece.
- Joanne Bowen discussed the different gateways to the city.
- Amy Haacker said that the city has recently received a grant from DNR to remove some brush and things along the river which will make the sculpture more visible.

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- Joe Lux brought up maintenance and vandalism prevention. Amy Haacker said that part of the proposal is for maintenance and sustainability. She said they feel like with the visibility of the location, vandalism shouldn't be too much of a problem.
- Karen Martin said maintenance and vandalism is a major concern of the Parks Department, but that the art works in Blue River Memorial Park have not been vandalized, neither has Balser. She thinks that these things mean something to the community and for the most part, people leave them alone, but the Parks Department can take care of vandalism that occurs.
- Betsy Stephen said that we need to utilize more lighting in the community overall and take it into consideration.
- Bryant said the city is currently working with Duke to make sure the lighting we currently have is operating correctly.

Wade Lewis made a motion for a favorable recommendation to the Common Council on the adoption of the City of Shelbyville Plan for Public Art as a sub-plan to the City of Shelbyville's Comprehensive Plan. Gary Nolley seconded the motion. Ballot vote: Joanne Bowen – yes,

Miguel Ortiz – yes, Doug Cassidy – yes, Mike Evans – yes, Matt House – yes, Wade Lewis – yes, Gary Nolley – yes, Joe Lux – yes, Terry James – yes.

**Discussion:** None

**Adjournment:** Joe Lux motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mike Evans seconded it.

Meeting adjourned