

Public Art Administrator Report City
of Key West Art in Public Places
SEPTEMBER 2020

Update on these topics:

March information in blue – September updates in green

1. **Truman Waterfront Park** – Re-scheduled for September 16th -Power point presentation for the City Commission meeting with Alison Higgins NOW scheduled for March 24th to receive “acceptance” of the Civic Moxie finished Master Arts & Culture plan for the park.
2. **Truman Waterfront Park** – Mr. John Padget offered as a gift to the City, a monumental sculpture from the Art Students League of New York Model to Monument program, to further enhance the Florida Keys Sculpture Trail. The artwork, “Wave Henge” has been accepted unanimously by the City Commission (following a recommendation from the AIPP Board) for Truman Waterfront Park – art is arriving in the Keys on September 12th with installation being handled by R.V.W. Sculpture Installation, Inc and coordinated by Liz and City Community services and Engineering departments. Toppino’s is in charge of installing the concrete pad (paid with AIPP funds \$12,000).
3. **1400 Duval Park/Mall** - Selection committee completed review and scoring by email – Tim Root is assisting Administrator to pull permits and oversee installation of 5 sculptures. Board Member, Dr. Perry Arnold met with City Engineer, Mr. Michael Halpern and Administrator on-site to select locations for each sculpture. Insurance/artist waivers under review by Legal dept. One selected sculpture “Palm Tree Pencil” will not be installed in this location. Also working with the City for new signage. Call for sculpture on loan moving forward following meeting to revise a few issues. Selig bench signs installed.
4. **City Hall** public art installations – Salem complete, Allen complete, Gray’s book benches complete, paid, signs installed. Ralph Gilbert installed his two murals just as shut down for Covid -19 began. Final invoice has been paid. Sign was ordered but had a typo – has been re-ordered and will be installed. Mr. Gilbert will happily comeback to KW for a ribbon cutting/reception when we are once again able to convene. Gilbert and murals arrive on March 16th – installation scheduled for March 16-17. PLEASE stop by City Hall.
5. **KW Seaport** Public Art project – RFP has been approved and final edits completed by Administrator. Need to determine best release and due date – has been paused due to Covid-19. RFP final complete and is being routed for department head signatures. Do not have a release date yet but hope to have it soon.
6. **Mallory Square** – Have attended a few virtual meetings with new Panning Director, Mayor, Engineering Dept head and Asst City Manager. Many ideas and plans are in the works. Met with city engineer, discussed signage. Signage and new trees being discussed at the City Manager level – when I have new designs, I will share with the AIPP board for further input.
7. **Douglass Gym** – No updates – revised plans have been proposed to City Commission – no further updates. Signs installed. Marianne met with Joe Moody, an architect for the 2nd phase of the Douglass property – he will present to the AIPP board at a future meeting as designs become more refined, and targeted spaces are selected.
8. **Private/City – Zero Duval Street** – no new updates - ongoing slowly

9. **KW Chamber of Commerce** – no new updates potential idea of placing the” Wrecker” statue on Greene Street – No updates except I’ve also discussed moving the Ronny Bailey Lighthouse from the Airport to the Chamber lobby as the airport is about to undergo some major renovations.
10. **AIPP Ordinance review** – no new updates Marianne will be out of town and busy February – we will schedule a meeting with George Wallace early March. Will schedule a mutual date to meet in March.
11. Private -**Banana Bay** –new hotel name – The Capitaina Liz met with Mr. Mike Walsh (owner) and Mr. Tom McMurray (GM), to review their proposed 1% for art plans for the newly renovated/rebuilt property. On today’s meeting agenda for approval. No updates
12. Private - **725 Duval St** – no new updates getting info on 1% private – major development restoration
13. **Collections Management** – attended FAPAP webinar on emergency preparedness plan and inventory maintenance and management – plan to work with City staff this Fall to create and update City collection. app ready to go, need to work with each board member -ongoing
14. **Ongoing Projects spreadsheet** – see attached updated form - Updates received from Terry Justice, need to now get schedule of values for next steps....
15. Gift from Timyan family for Truman Waterfront Park –spot selected and approved – installation pending restoration by artist John Martini – still in process and negotiations - Liz working with John to determine next best steps
16. Possible long-term loan of a Frank Stella sculpture for Truman Waterfront Park – No updates
17. **FAPAP Conference** dates in Sarasota – May 5-8, 2020 postponed to May 2021 in Sarasota with same theme and programming – FAPAP presenting quarterly webinars to keep members engaged. Liz was elected President of the FAPAP Board of Directors for a 2 year term. who will attend hotel reservations now open and available.
18. Questions & comments

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