



Annual Report to the City of Norman

July 2018

It is my pleasure to provide the annual report of the activities of the Norman Public Arts Board (PAB) for the past year. This Board, created by city ordinance in the fall of 2007, has experienced a productive year. The PAB, though a civic entity, is mandated to additionally serve as a committee of the Norman Arts Council (NAC). All activities of the PAB are therefore subject to the approval of the NAC in addition to working with the City.

The members of this Board, as of July 1, 2018 are:

Appointed by the City of Norman

- Cheryl Lockstone (Ward 2) Appointed 08-27-13 (one year appointment). Reappointed 10-23-14 - 10-23-17 (first three-year term). Reappointed 10-23-17 - 10-23-20 (second three-year term).
- Gary Kramer (Ward 4) Appointed 2/27/2018 – 10/23/2020 (completion of term)
- Michael Bendure (Ward 2) Appointed 6/12/2018 – 10/23/2019 (first three-year term)

Appointed by the Norman Gallery Association

- Ally Richardson, appointed 10/23/08 – 10/31/11 (first three-year term). Reappointed 10/31/11 – 10/31/14 (second three-year term). Reappointed 10/31/14 – 10/31/17 (third three-year term). Reappointed 7/1/2017 – 10/31/18 (additional one-year term)
- Douglas Shaw Elder, appointed 10/23/10 – 10/23/13 (first three-year term). Reappointed 10/23/13 – 10/31/16 (second three-year term). Reappointed 10/1/16 – 10/31/18 (additional term)

Appointed by the Norman Arts Council Arts Roundtable

- Mike Tower, appointed 11/1/18 – 10/31/18 (serving remainder of Larry Walker's term)

Appointed by Visit Norman

- Taylor Mauldin, appointed 10/23/13 – 10/23/16 (first three-year term). Reappointed 10/23/16 – 10/31/19 (second three-year term)

Ex-Officio Members

Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

Norman Forward Liaison

Debby Williams, Norman Forward 1% for Art Project Manager

July 2017-June 2018 Activities

This report covers the activities since the last annual report...

1. Three new enhanced duck sculptures were installed last summer in city parks.
2. Throughout the year, the Parks and Recreation department as well as members of the Public Arts Board conduct evaluations of the pieces of art held in the City's collection. These evaluations determine any repair or maintenance work needed. We have had little to no maintenance required this past year. It is anticipated that the bike racks will need some touch up work in the next year. The board also anticipates that we will need to start considering repainting some of the existing ducks at some point as wear and tear dictates. The duck repaints would potentially be in place of creating new ducks depending on PAB available funds and board direction.
3. Taylor Mauldin Wagner, the NCVB representative to the PAB, organized the rewaxing of the bronze sculptures in the downtown area in association with the OU Big Event this spring.
4. Several ducks were vandalized during the year. The ducks were repaired successfully by Douglas Shaw Elder with the Firehouse Art Station (PAB Board Member).
5. The PAB retained a general maintenance fund this year, in the amount of \$4,000.00. The fund has been utilized for several maintenance items for art pieces requiring attention.
6. Eight new designs were selected for artist enhanced bike racks and created. Two were selected for downtown Norman at the west end, two for Campus Corner, one for the expanded Sutton Wilderness parking area, one for Lion's Park and two for west Lindsay Street. One existing bike rack was relocated from the west Main Street area, at the request of the business owner. That bike rack was also installed at the expanded Sutton Wilderness parking area. Except for the Lindsay Street bike racks, all have been installed. The Lindsay Street bike racks will be installed when locations are identified.
7. This year the PAB has been discussing temporary public art and what kind of role it could serve within the PAB. The PAB had one request to provide support for a University of Oklahoma art student Sean Mueller's temporary art project in one of the Norman parks. The PAB was able to facilitate the installation, with the help of Jud Foster and the Norman Parks and Recreation Department, at no cost to the PAB.
8. The PAB and the Norman Arts Council continue the process of administering the Norman Forward percent for art projects. The Westwood complex art piece "Splash" and the East Branch Library art piece "Prairie Wind" have been installed. The design for the art piece for the new Central Library has been contracted and is scheduled to be installed next year. The artist is London based artist Paul Cocksedge. The PAB is very excited about these projects, and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of them.
9. The James Garner extension and the improvement to Andrews Park required the relocation of the Blake Baldwin skate park. The existing skate park was divided into four pieces. With the help of the Norman Parks and Recreation Department, Douglas Shaw Elder and local artists under the direction of Andy Jacobs, the four pieces were repainted with Earth, Wind, Water and Fire schemes. Three of the

pieces were located at Adkins Hill, Colonial Commons and Oak Tree South Parks. The fourth piece will be placed with direction from the Norman Parks Board.

10. The PAB held a planning retreat in January 2018 to review the direction for 2018. Items discussed were the Public Arts Master Plan and the promotion of the Utility Donation Fund.

11. Four-year Strategic Plan – We continue to implement the PAB's Strategic Plan. We will continue to keep the plan at the forefront. One of the focuses of the PAB's Strategic Plan is to create a Public Arts Master Plan for Norman. With changes that are taking place at the Norman Arts Council with the hiring of Debbie Williams, the PAB has started discussing the implementation of this initiative. We anticipate that we will plan the process at the next PAB retreat.

12. We have continued with our goals of using limited finances to complete smaller projects, such as the duck sculptures, and bicycle racks (sponsored). Finances continue to be the major controlling factor for the PAB when looking at additional projects. The donations through the utility bills generate a little over \$900 dollars each month. The PAB is creating new, updated literature to distribute to let citizens of Norman know of the utility donation support. The PAB will actively promote this information to work towards increasing the donations starting this fall.

13. The NAC staff has created a catalog on the "Culture Now/Museum without Walls" website that showcases the City of Norman, University of Oklahoma and private public art with information on the art pieces, the artist and locations. This catalog will be updated to keep it current.

14. The PAB has shifted its fiscal year to align both with the Norman Arts Council's and the City of Norman's fiscal years: July 1 – June 30.

15. The officers for the PAB for this upcoming year are Michael Tower, Chairman; Cheryl Lockstone, Vice-Chairman and Taylor Mauldin Wagner, Secretary.

Summary

Since the creation of the Public Arts Board, we have strived to devise methods of securing funds while we build a broader base of volunteers and supporters. We wish to extend our thanks to Erinn Gavaghan, Executive Director, the staff and the Board of the Norman Arts Council for their support, and the City's staff for their continued assistance and support, especially Jud Foster, James Briggs, Shawn O'Leary, and the City Attorney's office. The continuing support and collaboration of the City and City Council is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Tower, Chair, Norman Public Arts Board