



# Minutes for the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services/Tree Board Special Meeting

Monday, July 24, 2017  
6:50 PM

## 1. Call to Order/Attendance

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Robertson at 6:50 p.m.**

**Park Board Members Present:** Cindy Dittbrenner, Betsy Robertson, Katie Schielke, Bill Franklin, Christina Arcidy, Christine Southwick, Natalia Ablao Sandico, Erik Ertsgaard

**Absent:** John Hoey

**City Staff Present:** Director Eric Friedli, Senior Management Analyst Susana Villamarin, Administrative Assistant III Lynn Gabrieli

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Robertson called for approval of the agenda. So moved by Ms. Arcidy and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Robertson called for approval of the June minutes. So moved by Ms. Schielke and seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.

4. **Public Comment:** None

## 5. Sculpture Purchase Proposals

Chair Robertson referred to the staff recommendation and information in the agenda packet and opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Friedli mentioned that staff does not feel strongly one way or the other about whether to purchase one or more sculptures or continue to pay rental fees. He reminded the Board that monies used for any purchases would come from the major sculpture fund.

**Ms. Southwick recommended the purchase of *Night Watchman* by Leon White for \$5,000. Ms. Arcidy concurred and moved that the Board purchase *Night Watchman* for the City's permanent collection for a price of \$5,000. Seconded by Ms. Southwick. The motion carried.**

Chair Robertson invited discussion about Rodger Squirrell's *Poly Helix* for \$7,500. The artist was acknowledged as a valuable member of the community and an important artist in the area. Questions were asked about the current location of the artwork and some members expressed concern about purchasing something they are unable to see as well as sensitivity to the significant amount of money this would withdraw from the major artwork fund. Given these things, **Ms. Arcidy moved to reject staff's recommendation to purchase *Poly Helix* for \$7,500. Chair Robertson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Chair Robertson, Mr. Franklin, Ms. Arcidy and Ms. Southwick voted in favor of rejecting the staff recommendation to purchase *Poly Helix* for \$7,500. Ms. Schielke opposed the motion and Ms. Dittbrenner abstained. The motion carried.**

Chair Robertson invited discussion on staff's proposal to purchase two out of the four "Fragments" sculptures by Jacob Foran known as *Youth* and *Ledge* for a total cost of \$5,000. The Board discussed the merits of the sculptures and the potential impact on the budget. **Chair Robertson moved to purchase *Youth* and *Ledge*, two of the four "Fragments" sculptures, for a total of \$5,000. Ms. Arcidy seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## 6. Adjourn

Prior to adjourning Mr. Friedli introduced Susana Villamarin as the Department's new Senior Management Analyst and Erik Ertsgaard, a youth Board candidate scheduled for appointment to the Board by the City Council at the meeting directly following the adjournment of the PRCS/Tree Board meeting.

**Hearing no further business, Chair Robertson called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Ms. Schielke and seconded by Ms. Arcidy. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

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Signature of Chair  
Betsy Robertson

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Date

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Signature of Minute Writer  
Lynn Gabrieli

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Date