

Work Session of the Sandy Springs City Council was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Rusty Paul presiding.

I. Invocation - Rabbi Joshua Heller, Congregation B'Nai Torah

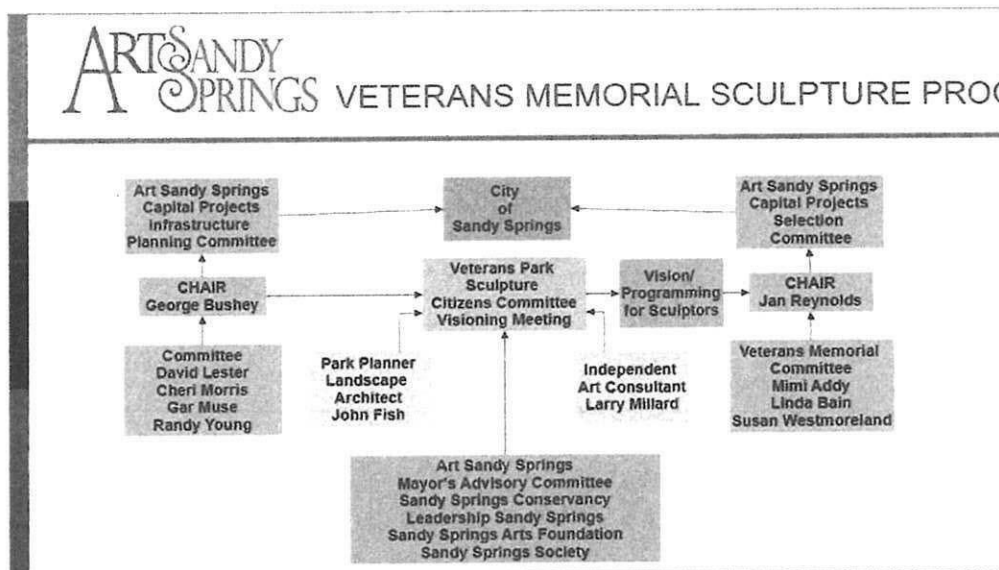
II. Staff Discussion Items

A. 2022-24 Art Sandy Springs Veterans Memorial Sculpture Process

Dave Wells, Deputy City Manager, introduced Cheri Morris, Member of Art Sandy Springs.

Cheri Morris, Art Sandy Springs (ArtSS), presented the Veterans Memorial Sculpture selection process. The memorial sculpture process will include four components: (1) Establish a Budget and Schedule; (2) Citizen Input; (3) Artist Search; and (4) Artist Management. To move forward, ArtSS requests guidance from the City Council regarding the project budget.

ArtSS has identified various stakeholders to assist with the art selection process.



The Artist Search process started in September, 2021. Currently, ArtSS is reviewing a candidate pool of 20 - 25 artists. After review by the citizens committee, ArtSS will invite final candidates to respond to a Call for Entry. A finalist may be selected within eight months of the City Council establishing the budget for the art piece.

Ancillary costs related to the project include:

ART SANDY SPRINGS ANCILLARY COST BUDGET

Artist Search Fees	\$ 6,000
Citizen Committee Meetings	\$ 3,000
Artist Stipend (\$10,000 Per Artist)	\$ 30,000
Artist Travel for Site Visit (3 Artist)	\$ 6,000
Contingency	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 50,000

Cheri Morris presented various examples of memorial sculptures, such as:

- Frank Gaylord's Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC - \$30M
- Tribute to Freedom, San Antonio, TX - \$850K - \$1M+
- Ciff Garten's I AM A MAN, Memphis, TN - \$700k for the artwork; \$1.5M for artwork & plaza
- Normal Lee/Shane Allbritton's Fallen Five Memorial, Chattanooga, TN - \$823K for artwork

For a large piece that should sit on Roswell Road, the examples reflect a broad range of possibilities that cost between \$500K - \$1.5M.

Councilmember Jody Reichel asked is the main focus of the park the water-feature or the art. There may not be room for both on the site.

Ms. Morris suggested there be an integrated piece with water surrounding or on either-side of the sculpture.

Councilmember John Paulson asked are veterans a part of the citizens committee. Veterans should have input. Are the veteran-service organizations included?

Ms. Morris replied ArtSS requested veterans and children of veterans are participating to participate on the various committees, and others can be added at the Council's recommendation.

Councilmember Paulson asked potential artists being asked to design the piece before they are offered a stipend. The fundamental elements of the park are the flags and those elements recognizing the various military branches.

Ms. Morris replied it cost artists money to make designs of this caliber. The 63 sculptures currently being reviewed by Art Sandy Springs run the range of very traditional pieces with clear messages and others that are more modern pieces. The citizen committee will be asked to consider what type of piece, traditional or modern, will work on the site. Perhaps the same session can happen with the City Council.

I would advise a sculpture be placed in the midst of the fountains with smaller pieces throughout the site.

Councilmember Tibby DeJulio stated the park was originally intended to be a memorial for veterans, not an art memorial. Originally, the City Council discussed \$20K - \$50K for an art piece, but now the Council is asked to consider a budget of more than \$1M for an art piece.

Ms. Morris replied that originally Art Sandy Springs presented a budget of \$400K for the art piece, but in subsequent meetings there was an idea to increase the budget to \$1M. Art Sandy Springs is a volunteer group that was invited by the City to assist, and will assist with identifying a piece within whatever budget is identified by the City.

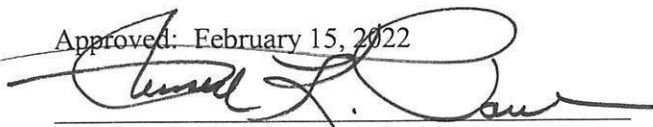
Mayor Rusty Paul stated councilmembers should review the information presented to form a consensus at a later time.

III. City Council Discussion Items

There were no City Council discussion items.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved: February 15, 2022



Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Raquel D. González, City Clerk

