

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

April 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Public Art Commission was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair Murphy in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Murphy, Vice-Chair Tiedeman, Commissioner Will, Commissioner Osbold, Commissioner Savin, Commissioner Pruitt, and Commissioner Preston.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Karen Youel, Housing Manager; Kristina Owens, Associate Planner; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS – Done previous to meeting starting

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Will, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Queen Calafia Docent/Re-Opening Status - Report/Discussion/Action

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, noted that the last Second Saturday event did not occur due to adverse weather and as a result the piece was not open as well.

Discussion ensued regarding visitors coming to see the site and it not being open as well as individuals wanting to come in during docent tours. Additional discussion ensued regarding creating a buddy system for docents.

Mrs. Owens noted that she received calls weekly about visitors not being able to get into the piece. Commissioner Savin suggested establishing opening hours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The consensus was to wait to establish the hours until after the current maintenance work was completed.

Commissioner Will suggested having identification for the docents. Mrs. Owens handed out nametags.

The Commission directed staff to work with Lech regarding his maintenance schedule.

Commissioner Tiedeman suggested not opening the piece until the wall was completed.

Discussion ensued regarding creating a card or signage for individuals wanting to speak to Lech. Staff was to follow up on the opening of the piece.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Queen Califia Interpretive Signage – Report/Discussion/Action

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, provided illustrations for potential signage and requested input from the Commission. She noted that the Niki Foundation wanted the signage to include a portrait of Niki, visuals of other Niki works, and a bio with basic text along with other items

Chairman Murphy noted he would forward a recommendation to the City regarding someone who could make the signage.

Discussion ensued regarding the location for the information signage.

Commissioner Tiedeman suggested that the request for the visual of other works be local national pieces versus international pieces.

Mrs. Owens suggested that the City's graphic department create a mock up incorporating all of the suggestions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

No Discussion.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT:

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, referenced the staff report and requested input.

Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the terms of the contract with the artist for the Vinehenge piece.

Commissioner Will felt the main issue was keeping the Vinehenge piece safe.

Chairman Murphy felt the piece was significant.

Commissioner Tiedeman asked if the original artist had any say for the subject piece. Mrs. Owens replied in the negative.

Discussion ensued regarding utilizing pieces of the Vinehenge in other venues such as the Children's Museum or donating the piece. Additional discussions ensued regarding the safety of the piece.

FINANCIAL REPORT – March 31, 2016 - Received.

Chair Murphy felt direction for new public art projects should be focused on murals and archways for the City's gateway. He felt there should be a collaborative effort between all of the entities involved with art in order to promote art in the City. He also noted that the Niki Foundation had come to the Escondido Arts Partnership and asked them to sponsor a large bronze piece.

Mrs. Owens noted that there was a collaborative meeting that would be occurring at the City Manager's office, which she would check into and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Will felt efforts should be made to extend interests further along Grand Avenue.

Commissioner Savin suggested creating a flyer for Second Saturdays pointing individuals to Grand Avenue. Commissioner Tiedeman noted that the Artwalk flyer would work for this. Mrs. Owens noted she would print them out for the docents.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Preston encouraged the Commission to vote for Escondido's restaurants and best museums in the Union Tribune, feeling this would help draw people to the City.

Commissioner Osvold, the Commission, and staff discussed a project honoring the City founders as well as creating a future grand plan for art throughout the City. Additional discussion ensued regarding possible venues for art festivals.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Future agenda items included creating a public art grand plan, potential new public art projects, and the possibility of relocating some projects.

Commissioner Savin referenced a project in Mexico where the artist incorporated children handprints into the letters of a city. She suggested an art project whereby Escondido could be spelled out throughout the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for July 11, 2016.



Karen Youel, Housing and Neighborhood
Services Manager



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk