CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

January 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Public Art Commission was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Kilman in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chairman Kilman, Vice-chairman Evans, Commissioner Harrison, Commissioner Mates, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Tiedeman, and Commissioner Thurber.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Hudgins.

Staff present: Jay Petrek, Principal Planner; Kristina Owens, Associate Planner; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Mates, seconded by Commissioner Thurber, to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of New Chair and Possibly Vice Chair - Action**

The Commission elected Commissioner Murphy as Chairman and Commissioner Harrison as Vice-chairperson.

1. **Queen Califia Repairs – Discussion/Possible Action**

Mr. Petrek referenced the staff report and noted the condition analysis was conducted by the Getty Foundation. He indicated the Niki foundation wanted to use a stronger type of glass for the repairs, rather than another material.

Vice-chairman Evans noted that the Niki Foundation had indicated in the past that they would pay for any glass repairs, noting that the Commission had expressed concern during the approval process that the glass might have some issues. Mr. Petrek noted that the Niki Foundation would put $27,000 towards the current repairs. He also stated that the new glass would be a stronger product.

Chairman Kilman asked if any damage had occurred during the closure of the project. Mrs. Owens replied in the negative.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the security cameras. Additional discussion ensued regarding establishing a docent program. Chairman Kilman noted that the subcommittee recommended that all visit requests be routed through the Arts Partnership whereby volunteers would then be established between the Commission and Arts Partnership. The subcommittee also recommended that the project be open on a request basis only.

Mr. Petrek suggested establishing set hours that the project would be open to the public for consistency.

Commissioner Mates felt the funds being spent to repair the project was due to poor material choices.

Commissioner Thurber asked when the project would be open again. Mrs. Owens estimated 4 months before opening. She also noted that that the Friends of Kit Carson Park had indicated a willingness to volunteer to help in any way they could.

Mr. Petrek noted that after meeting with the Niki Foundation they were surprised that the project was open all of the time, noting most pieces were closed during certain hours and sometimes closed for months at a time.

Vice-chairman Evans asked staff to confirm how the City would partner with an outside entity to raise funds for the project. Mr. Petrek noted that he would look into this.

Commissioner Tiedeman noted that they were looking at using the Second Saturday as an avenue to have docents available at the project.

Commissioner Thurber felt that the project needed to be open to the public on specified days.

Discussion ensued regarding soliciting the colleges for volunteers.

2. Update from Sub-Committee Re: Queen Califia – Discussion/Possible Action – Discussed previously.

Mr. Petrek noted that the public art brochure was almost complete and would be provided at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Received.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT – Received.

FINANCIAL REPORT – November 2013

Mrs. Owens referenced the staff report and requested input.

Chairman Kilman asked if there were any new buildings that were being constructed. Mr. Petrek and Mrs. Owens replied in the negative.

Discussion ensued regarding creating methods for generating funds to maintain the City's public art pieces.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Vice-chairman Evans noted that she would be resigning from the Commission. Staff and the Commission thanked Vice-chairman Evans for her service on the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Kilman adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for April 14, 2014.

Jay Petrek, Assistant Planning Director

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk