

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

October 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Public Art Commission was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Murphy in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Murphy, Commissioner Osvold, Commissioner Velasco, and Commissioner Cowell.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Pruitt, Vice-Chair Tiedeman, and Commissioner Grenier.

Staff present: Karen Youel, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager; Kristina Owens, Associate Planner; and Dulce Salazar, Department Assistant.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Cowell, seconded by Commissioner Osvold, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Participation of PAC at 2018 Niki de Saint Phalle exhibit – Discussion/Action

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, provided the update and noted staff was working with City Council and the Finance Department regarding setting up the funds for underwriting the Niki Book. Funds received for the book would go back into the account and be used for educational opportunities related to the Queen Califia piece. She noted that staff was also looking at details for tours and busing for school children.

Commissioner Velasco suggested looking at opportunities through the public transit system for busing.

The consensus of the Commission was for staff to look into transit opportunities to and from Queen Califia for students.

2. Status of Queen Califia Schedule - Discussion

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, referenced the Queen Califia schedule and noted that three of the recent docents were unavailable. She stated that docents were needed.

Chairman Murphy suggested reaching out to the Escondido Arts Partnership for docents.

Discussion ensued regarding reaching out to the Rotary Club.

Commissioner Velasco noted that she was willing to volunteer along with having four other individuals. She suggested opening the piece on the fourth Saturday of each month to see how consistent the volunteers would be. She felt the piece should be open more than one Saturday a month.

Discussion ensued regarding having a soft opening on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, beginning in November.

Mrs. Owens noted that all volunteers would need to be trained.

3. Public Art Maintenance - Discussion

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, referenced the letter sent out to the property owners where private public art pieces were located. She noted that three responses were received out of nine total pieces, with those art pieces being in great shape. She asked if the Commission would like staff to send out a second letter to those who had not responded. The Commission concurred.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Queen Califia signage. Additional discussion ensued regarding the use of development fees for maintenance on public art pieces.

4. Potential New Art at Hawthorne Silos – Discussion/Establish Subcommittee

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, suggested that this item be tabled to the next meeting.

Chair Murphy felt murals were an inexpensive and great way to support public art in the community, feeling the Public Art Commission should consider participating in mural projects.

5. **MAGEC Group update – Report**

Continued to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **“5 Benches” Proposal – Discussion/Action**

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, noted that staff had received a request from Dana Chisholm who was willing to donate 5 benches to various jurisdictions. The benches would be made of varying material that would be in line with the area and would contain bronze sculptures of a woman and children. The artist was currently fund raising with the piece completion being sometime in 2018. Mrs. Owens asked if the Commission would be in favor of the request. The Commission replied in the affirmative.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Received.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT: Received.



FINANCIAL REPORT – September 2017 - Received.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Discussion ensued regarding the cost and time difference between murals and sculptures.

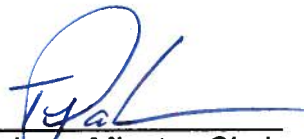
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 8, 2018.



Karen Youel, Housing and Neighborhood
Services Manager



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk