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CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday November 13, 2013 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
809 Center Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Arts Commission – Regular Meeting

Chair Lee Duffus called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call

Present: A Allan, L Duffus, S Garcia, P Haywood, L Kershner P McGettigan,
Absent: T Praxel
Staff: C Birns, Arts Program Manager, J Guevara, Redevelopment Manager
Guests: Gene Felice, Nina Simon

Statements of Disqualification – none

Oral Communications – none

Announcements - none

Approval of Minutes

1. Arts Commission meeting minutes of September 11, 2013

Action: Motion by P McGettigan, seconded by A Allan to approve the September 11, 2013 meeting minutes. L Kershner abstained. Motion carried.

General Business Items

2. Bloom Lighthouse Proposal

Recommendation: Consider Arts Commission endorsement of Gene Felice's proposed public art project "Bloom".

Action: Motion by P Haywood, seconded by L Kershner to endorse the project and write a letter of support from the Arts Commission. Motion carried.

3. Market Street Fence

Recommendation: Consider Arts Commission endorsement of a temporary UCSC student project along the Market Street / Branciforte Creek fence.

Action: Motion by P McGettigan, seconded by A Allan to endorse the UCSC student project along the Market Street / Branciforte Creek fence, and recommendation to allocate \$500 from City Arts Initiatives toward materials costs.

4. Roundabouts

Recommendation: Receive status update from staff and provide direction on next steps.

Commissioners discussed written report and project status.

Action: Motion by P Haywood, seconded by A Allan to not move forward with the Mid-Ocean Studios roundabout public art project.

Commissioners A Allan, L Duffus, S Garcia, P Haywood and P McGettigan voted for the motion.

Commissioner L Kershner opposed the motion.

Commissioners commented that the Depot Roundabout is an important feature, and expressed interest in pursuing discussions regarding potential future projects at that site. Staff confirmed that in the short term remaining project costs would include removal of the existing concrete base and completion of new landscaping. Staff will look into whether Sunrise Rotary is interested in providing support for the concrete base removal.

5. Abbott Square Pathway Project

Recommendation: Recommend City Council support of the Abbott Square phase one pathway project.

Nina Simon discussed the current status of the Abbott Square project, including recent release of the Pathway Project RFQ.

Action: Motion by P MCGettigan seconded by A Allan to endorse and support the Abbott Square Pathway Project and recommend an allocation of \$10,000 from City Arts Initiatives, not to exclude future discussion for future Abbott Square funding. To avoid the appearance of impropriety S Garcia recused herself from the vote. Motion carried.

Information Items

- C Birns updated commissioners on Linda Cover's proposed San Lorenzo River banner project.
- J Guevara updated commissioners on Arts Commission staffing, given C Birns' impending transition. Commissioners requested a meeting be scheduled between commissioners P Haywood, A Allan, L Duffus and T Praxel and Economic Development Department Director B Lipscomb to discuss and stay apprised of developments.

Subcommittee/ Project Oral Reports

Staff provided updates on the following projects:

- Arts & Economic Impact Study
- Collaborative Calendar

- Water Data Visualization RFQ
- SculptOUR
- Libraries Inside Out 2013
- City Hall Student Art Exhibits

Commissioner P Haywood distributed an updated scope for the RRF Artist-in-Residency pilot project, and discussed the recent facility tour with the City Risk Manager and Public Works staff and next steps for moving this project forward for summer 2014 implementation.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Commissioner P McGettigan expressed concern about the condition of the Del Mar marquis, and requested staff look into whether a cleaning is planned in the near future.

Adjournment - The Arts Commission adjourned from its regular meeting of Wednesday, November 13, 2013 to its next regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. January 8, 2014 in City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved for Arts Commission:

Staff

Chair