



PETALUMA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Minutes

Meeting of: **Thursday, November 29, 2007**

7:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Present: Hamilton, Haye, Jonas, Krahn, Michaud, Yearsley
Absent: Charlip

Staff: Evan Kishineff, Assistant Planner

Committee Comments

No Committee comments

Public Comment

Chris Albertson, Fire Chief – If in-lieu fee is paid for Fire Station project, would like to see art in the park with Fire Department theme. Presented photos of carved brick sculpture by artist Mara Smith that could be used on the masonry wall as art component of Fire Station project.

Karen Peterson – “Euphrates” sculpture currently in Luchessi Park is to be removed and possibly disposed of and would like Committee to consider relocating it if possible or offering letter of interest to Parks & Recreation Department.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Approved meeting minutes of October 25, 2007.

- I. Presentation by Vicky Kumpfer, Arts Coordinator for the City of Santa Rosa, of their Arts in Public Places program. City accepts loans for stipend, gifts, or purchases pieces. City goes through different process for each type of project. Funds originally came from capital improvement projects, but now through private development as well. Have successfully placed artworks around Santa Rosa for 12 years with little problem.

- II. Staff update on internal City discussions regarding the Committee's involvement in placement of art works and First Amendment and liability issues. City Attorney would like to fix some holes that he sees are in the adopting legislation. Committee would like more immediate action on their existing proposals for placement of artworks. Committee wants meeting with City Attorney, Risk Manager, Mayor, and others to discuss the program and how to keep proposals for placement of artworks moving.
- III. Discussion of consultant budget for Master Plan Phase 2. Committee member Jonas spoke in opposition to the expenditure. Committee voted 4-2 to approve two phased proposal presented by consultant. Second phase budget may come from Public Art Fund or fund raising. Jonas, Krahn voted in opposition.
- IV. Discussion of Fire Station Request for Qualifications. All members voted in favor of sending out the RFQ specifically directed at artwork being done on the masonry wall.

Adjournment: 9:30 PM