



PETALUMA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Minutes

Meeting of: **Thursday, March 27, 2008**

7:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Present: Charlip, Hamilton, Haye, Jonas, Krahn, Michaud, Yearsley
Absent: None

Staff: Evan Kishineff, Assistant Planner

Committee Comments

Public Comment

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Approved minutes from February 28, 2008 meeting

- I. Sandy Reed, landscape designer for the Water Treatment Facility was not in attendance. Committee Member Hamilton will contact her regarding attendance at the April 24th meeting.
- II. Staff reported that City funds are not going to be available for public art installations, and that the Committee's Public Art Consultant will be required to procure \$1,000,000 of Professional Liability Insurance in order to contract with the City. The Committee discussed options for getting the contractual, insurance, and budget hurdles they have faced to the City Council for policy direction concerning the public art program. Committee Member Haye agreed to draft a letter to the council addressing our frustrations in advance of public comment. Committee members discussed meeting or calling council members separately to discuss the letter.
- III. Staff reported that there might be funds coming into the in-lieu fund through a private development project (the old JC Penney store converting into a Raley's Food Store). The public art compliance form was not submitted with the building permit application. The

applicants have been informed of their public art obligation. The Committee requested that staff add information regarding the public art program to the Planning Application checklist so that public art is discussed as a key component of a project throughout the development review process. Staff admitted that the process for ensuring that the public art requirement is met needs work, and that he is working on ways of ensuring that the public art component of projects does not fall through the cracks.

- IV. Committee Member Hamilton reported that the Public Works Department has agreed in theory to an alternate means of constructing the structural base for Cherry Soda that would be less costly, but that they will not revise their cost estimate. Committee Member Jonas will solicit estimates from local firms to begin the process of using outside sources to do the work required to place Cherry Soda. The Committee would like to know if they work to procure funding and labor from outside sources if additional issues would arise in relation to City approvals.
- V. The Committee has not yet received official feedback regarding the transactional package for DuBull Eagull. The Voight Family Sculpture Foundation has stated, though, that they would like more participation from the City in terms of labor or finances for placement of the sculpture.
- VI. Committee Members Hamilton and Yearsley will work on the application for Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Fund money to help finance the proposed sculpture installations. The application deadline is April 4th.
- VII. Committee Member Michaud will send transactional contract for Cherry Soda to Robert Ellison for review.
- VIII. Discussion of the draft Request for Qualifications for the Fire Station. Minor changes were suggested. Committee Member Charlip and Staff will work out remaining edits and forward the draft on to Fire Department and City Attorney.
- IX. Staff advised the Committee of the application for positions on the Committee. Once the deadline for the application is known Staff will forward the information on to the Committee.
- X. Committee Member Jonas has spoken with artists regarding an alternate installation then previously discussed Imagine Bus Project North mural, which appears to have fallen through. They will present a mock-up of the proposal. Committee Member Jonas is soliciting financing for the project.
- XI. Council Member Michaud informed committee that she will not be present at next meeting. Council Member Charlip will assume Chair responsibilities.

Adjournment: 9:20 PM