



PETALUMA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Minutes

Meeting of: Thursday, April 25, 2008

7:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

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

Staff: Evan Kishineff, Assistant Planner

Committee Comments

Public Comment

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Approved minutes from March 27, 2008 meeting

- I. Discussion of the City Attorney's desire to revise the Public Art Ordinance. Staff suggested that this would be an opportunity for the Committee to have included into the Ordinance the additional responsibilities that the Committee has asked about previously. Staff asked that the Committee prepare individual wish lists before the next meeting that they would like included in the Ordinance. The Committee questioned if it were truly necessary to revise the Ordinance and stated a strong preference that the expense of the City Attorney be taken into account when deciding if this is a path they are willing to take. The Committee would like to know if this is an absolutely necessary step or if there is any way to make the existing Ordinance work without it being revised.
- II. Update on the status of the "Cherry Soda" project. Committee Member Jonas has been contacting local contractors about possibly bidding to do the work. Larry Zimmer of the Public Works Department will arrange for structural engineering to be done. Committee Member Jonas will then take engineered drawings to contractors for pricing.

- III. Update on the status of “DuBull Eagull”. The attorney for the Voight Family Sculpture Foundation has reviewed the transactional package, but has not yet issued revisions formally. Staff reported that SMART has not yet notified him of a decision regarding the placement proposal at the Rail Depot. Committee Member Hamilton read an email from Public Art Consultant Chandra Cerrito stating that she may no longer be able to contract with the City because of insurance and liability requirements. Staff reminded the Committee that they could use the Public Art Fund toward this project if the Master Plan is to be put on hold until consultant contract issues can be resolved. No decision was made regarding the use of the Public Art Fund.
- IV. Discussion of the revised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Fire Station project. The Committee agrees with the shortened format without the legal language. The timelines need to be verified with Fire Chief Albertson.
- V. Sandy Reed, the landscape designer for the Water Treatment Facility presented the art component of the project to the Committee. She has a list of unfunded and unfinished items that she will prioritize with a dollar amount and forward to the Committee. There is work that would be best to be done before the facility is in full operation. The Committee expressed interest in possibly fund raising or helping in some way with the project.
- VI. Committee Member Charlip stated that he would not be re-applying for his seat on the Committee. Committee Member Krahn will re-apply.
- VII. Committee Member Jonas has met with artists regarding possibly doing a mural on D St. Previously the wall of the Rivertown Feed building had been discussed. They are also considering a corrugated metal wall on the corner of D St and Weller St. Funding may come from the Rotary Club.

Adjournment: 9:00 PM