



PETALUMA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Minutes

Meeting of: Thursday, June 26, 2008

7:00 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM 2

City Hall, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Present: Charlip, Jonas, Krahn, Michaud, Yearsley

Absent: Hamilton, Haye

Staff: Evan Kishineff, Assistant Planner

Committee Comments

Public Comment

Craig Stammer and Fernando Ocampo introduced their idea to the Committee to paint a mural on the south wall of the stairs the lead between Putnam Plaza and Kentucky Street. The mural could represent the past, present, and future of Petaluma. They were looking for support from the Committee and guidance as to what approvals are needed. They will bring a proposal to the Committee at the July 24 meeting with costs. They are to forward proposal to Staff for ruling on what is needed from the City for them to proceed and what help the City can give them.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Approved minutes from May 22, 2008 meeting

- I. Recap of June 16, 2008 City Council meeting. Plans for the sculptures should include anti-climbing mechanisms if possible. A decision regarding down-directed lighting or up-directed lighting must still be made. Committee can use notoriety on the plaques installed with the artwork as incentive for soliciting donations. City Council suggested

creating a public art brochure as a way of creating interest in public art and providing recognition for the artists and responsible art programs.

- II. Discussion of next steps for DuBull Eagull and Cherry Soda. The Voight Family Sculpture Foundation is moving forward with structural engineering for DuBull Eagull. They would like the City to cover the cost of at least the footings. City funding for capital projects has been put on hold until there is a clearer picture of the City's budget situation. This hold on spending may be in place until September.

Motion unanimously approved to use Public Art Fund if necessary to pay for the footings.

Once structural engineering drawings are available it will be possible to ascertain what the cost of the footings will be. Committee can then vote on the final amount of the expenditure. Committee can also shop the drawings around for donated labor and materials for the footings.

Staff has not received a copy of the red-lined transactional package from the VFSF for DuBull Eagull. Need copy so work on the transactional package can be finalized with City Attorney.

Question about whether the structural engineering has gone out to bid for Cherry Soda. Staff's understanding is that Public Works has been waiting on the CIP budget before moving forward. Committee member Jonas believes the engineering firm was already selected and a cost of the engineering should be known. Staff to confirm this with Public Works.

Motion approved 4-1 to use Public Art Fund to loan money to Public Works to begin engineering drawings if amount is less than \$1000. Committee Member Charlip dissented.

Motion approved 5-0 to use Public Art Fund to reimburse any possessory use tax incurred by the artists for DuBull Eagull and Cherry Soda with an amount not to exceed \$1000 over the life of the placements, or \$200 per year.

Staff has not received a copy of the red-lined transactional package from the Robert Ellison for Cherry Soda. Need copy so work on the transactional package can be finalized with City Attorney.

- III. Discussion of Fire Station Request for Proposals. Staff can distribute RFQ in international Call for Artists network for \$80.

Motion approved 5-0 to use Public Art Fund to pay \$80 for RFQ distribution.

RFQ has been posted on Craigslist and distributed to others by Committee Member Charlip. After his seat is up on the Committee, Committee Member Charlip will continue

to do Craigslist posting once per week. Staff has already received multiple responses to RFQ. Staff will keep a list of all inquiries regarding interior work on the building and a separate RFQ will be done for the interior work if there is money available after the initial exterior project is completed.

- IV. Discussion of the selection team and selection process. Committee would like to be involved as much as possible. Fire Department has stated they would like to be involved all the way through the process. There are concerns that there will be too many people involved in the selection process. Staff and Committee Member Charlip will research other city's procedures for commissioned pieces. Eventually this will need to be blessed by the City Attorney and Risk Manager. Does there need to be an outside selecting group? A procedure also needs to be written up for how the selection process will be done. Committee Member Charlip will draft an initial proposal for the selection process.
- V. Discussion of individual Committee member projects. Public Art Consultant Chandra Cerrito has agreed to waive her insurance requirements. Committee Member Michaud will discuss this with Risk Management and learn how to proceed.
- VI. Introduction of Louise Leff, who was recently appointed to sit on the Committee. Committee Members Krahn and Michaud were both reappointed. Committee Member Charlip did not apply for reappointment.
- VII. The Committee said farewell and thank you to Committee Member Charlip for his service and dedication.

Adjournment: 9:30 PM