



## PETALUMA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

### Minutes

**Meeting of: Thursday, January 28, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

Petaluma Arts Center Building, Lakeville, Petaluma

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Present: Krahn, Knight, Leff, Jonas, Helm

Absent: Michaud, Dooley

Guest: Tamara Norman, Tree Committee representative, David Yearsley, Director, Friend of the Petaluma River, Robert Hudson, Designer

Staff: none present

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#### **Public Comments :**

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#### **Regular Meeting**

**Leff brought meeting to order at 7:15 pm.**

- I. Tamara Norman, Tree Committee (TC) gave update on subcommittee's meeting regarding Center Park's Redwood Tree health. The subcommittee (Norman, Larry Jonas, and Mary Dooley) is certain that removal of 1 Redwood Tree in Center Park is imminent. Norman reported looking into the arborist report, age of tree, and reviewed possible artistic alternatives to tree removal. Various images of tree sculptures were shown. Norman spoke with a wood sculptor (Bruce Johnson) and Chandra to get an idea of logistics and cost (12,000+). The proposal may be to "mill to lumber to create an art piece" vs. sculpting from existing stump. **ACTION:** 1) Jonas will send a letter to City Manager regarding the PPAC's and the TC's interest in creating an art piece from the

- declining Redwood Tree. 2) The subcommittee and Norman will make proposal on how the two committees can work together at next meeting.
- II. Cal Trans update not given due to Dooley's absence.
  - III. David Yearsley (Director, Friends of the Petaluma River) and Robert Hudson (Designer) proposed a "temporary" art sculpture/signage for the circular riser at entrance of River Heritage Center (RHC). The proposed sculpture is an existing boat, with mast and sail. The sail will have an oval or squared RHC logo. Yearsley noted the boat sculpture with RHC logo as a "temporary art piece" and is needed to immediately raise public awareness of the RHC site for upcoming events (Tom Sawyer Days and River Day). Yearsley asked PPAC for a \$1,000 contribution to this temporary art project. Krahn and Knight raised concerns that "advertising" on an art piece should be studied in PPAC's bylaws. **ACTION:** 1) Committee made motion and passed that the RHC could construct a temporary sign/sculpture for this location and advised that a formal proposal for permanent public art piece be submitted at future date. Jonas referred Yearsley to Ken Burnett (Public Works) for further requirements needed from city. 2) PPAC will discuss project and possible contribution as agenda item at next meeting.
  - IV. Update on Silk Mill. The project was approved by City. **ACTION:** Krahn will find out status of this project and whether the developer was given the Public Art packet.
  - V. Jonas reviewed the 7 locations for Outdoor Public Art Exhibition (Water Street, Center Park, and Patio between Graffiti and Apple Box.) Jonas gave recommendations for how the sculptures will be secured and is still not sure whether the sites are wired with electricity. Jonas presented two documents: *Guidelines for the 2010/2011 Petaluma Invitational Sculpture Exhibition* and *Agreement for Temporary Public Exhibition of Sculpture*. The committee reviewed these documents and made edits and suggested that legalese from previous PPAC projects be used in sections 5 and 7 of *Agreement*. **ACTION:** 1) Leff will email suggested budget to committee. 2) Jonas will submit documents to city.
  - VI. Public Art Master Plan update not given due to Michaud's absence. **ACTION:**

Next Agenda items:

- Tree Committee and PPAC subcommittee will make proposal on next steps.
- Cal Trans update
- River Heritage update. PPAC will discuss project and possible contribution.
- Update on silk Mill.
- Update on Outdoor Public Art Exhibition
- Public Art Master Plan update. Leff will present budget.
- Feng Shui specialist will be invited to present how she can assist with the sculpture walk.

**Adjournment:** 8:30 PM