



PETALUMA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Minutes

Meeting of: Thursday, February 25, 2010

7:00 PM

Petaluma Arts Center Building, Lakeville, Petaluma

Present: Michaud, Krahn, Dooley, Jonas, Knight, Leff, Helm

Absent: none

Guest: Kathleen Horvath, Feng Shui Consultant

Staff: none present

Public Comments: none

Regular Meeting

Leff brought meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

New Business

- I. Kathleen Horvath, Feng Shui consultant from 5 Elements Group made a presentation to the Committee regarding the proposed Sculpture Walk. She discussed how classical Feng Shui practice can help to bring people into the specific sculpture walk area, and to the larger community. Considerations included influences such as the calendar year, the dates of the event, and the material elements (fire, earth, metal, water, wood). Placement of the sculptures pieces would take into consideration the various public view points, and the energies of the location with the specific art pieces.

Old Business

- I. The Center Park and Tree Committee project will be discussed at the next PPAC meeting. A letter to the City to delay the tree removal is forthcoming from Larry Jonas.

- II. Cal Trans sound wall design: All design features have been approved by CalTrans. Michaud and Dooley presented the medallion design schemes to the Committee who approved the images – all ayes except Jonas. Petaluma City Council will hear the presentation by Cal Trans and Public Works April 15. **Action:** PPAC subcommittee representation will be Mary Dooley or Collette Michaud.
- III. River Heritage Center response: The requested contribution to the RHC’s signage was denied because the request is not aligned with the process set forth in the ordinance. The proposed signage location for the RHC has been preliminarily selected as a public art site. Once the master plan is complete (1/2011), the site will be defined as either a temporary or permanent sculpture location. Therefore, the proposed signage is allowed until at least 1/2011. **Action:** Left to discuss with Dave Yearsley.
- IV. New Development Projects: Silk Mill. No word on Silk Mill. Dooley will follow up with Community Development on a monthly basis on projects in the pipeline. PPAC discussed hypothetically whether public historic buildings that are being restored might have an exception to the public art requirement. No action taken.
- V. Public Art Master Plan: Contract is still not approved by the City awaiting key signatures. Michaud has been attempting to ascertain the PPAC's total balance.
- VI. Sculpture Walk: Budget was discussed at \$15,000. -Sculpture walk will be put on hold until phase 2 of master plan is completed. A brief discussion about the feasibility of the art walk was had. Several committee members felt the costs may be too great at this time.

Special Announcements

- I. Dooley discussed the Regency Planning Commission hearing and the comments about the proposed public art. The comments were primarily about the over used egg theme and questioning the location of the art. One commissioner suggested that Regency bring their proposal back to the PPAC though it was acknowledged that they had been through the proper process.
- II. Petaluma Economic Development Strategy: Michaud discussed the Arts and Culture Focus Group, on 2/4 7-9pm. Some points discussed at Strategy meeting:
 - Petaluma needs to have significant “gateways” into town.
 - The Washington Street and 101 is a city hub
 - Connectors for East and West Petaluma
 - Art is what will get people into Petaluma

Next Agenda items:

- o Sculpture Walk update
- o Center Park Subcommittee update
- o Proposed Development Projects update
- o Master Plan update

Adjournment: 8:45 PM