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Item 4

**CITY OF EMERYVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

Sharon Wilchar, Chair
Jean Goldman, Vice Chair
Edythe Bresnahan, Member
Harley Jensen, Member
Emily McPartlon, Member

Vickie Jo Sowell, Member
Judith Wetterer, Member
Christian Patz, Council Liaison

**Action Minutes
Emeryville Public Art Committee
(PAC) Meeting
Regular Meeting
Via Teleconference**

Thursday April 8, 2021 5:30 pm

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jean Goldman at 5:30 p.m.

2 Roll Call:

Members Present: Edythe Bresnahan, Jean Goldman, Harley Jensen, Emily McPartlon, Vickie Jo Sowell, Judy Wetterer, and Sharon Wilchar and Liaison Christian Patz

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Amber Evans, Emi Theriault, Mary Grace Houlihan, Miroo Desai

Public Present: Tim Curran, Michael Murphy

3 Public Comment – Tim Curran spoke and requested the tabling of item 5.1 pending consideration of relocating the mural to be installed at 1451 Sherwin to the wall on

Horton Street at the intersection at Park Avenue. Emi Theriault read his letter with additional background, sent to request the same.

4 **Approval of Minutes:**

- 4.1 **March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Action Minutes** –Approval with modification - Moved by Edythe Bresnahan and seconded by Vickie Jo Sowell
Vote Yea’s: Bresnahan, Goldman, Jensen, McPartlon, Sowell, Wetterer, and Wilchar
Nea’s: None Abstention: None

5 **Action Items**

- 5.1 **Recommendation to the City Council for Selection of a Muralist at 1451 Sherwin per the Mural Selection Panel’s Recommendation** - Emi Theriault presented a summary of the process to select an artist and the Selection Panel’s recommendation to install a work by Nigel Sussman at 1451 Sherwin. Half the members discussed the art selection before agreeing to table the discussion of the mural until the location could be reconsidered in May. PAC agree to walk the site prior to the May meeting.

Motion: Table consideration of muralist selection at 1451 Sherwin - Moved by Jean Goldman and seconded by Sharon Wilchar

Vote Yea’s: Bresnahan, Goldman, Jensen, McPartlon, Sowell, Wetterer, and Wilchar
Nea’s: None Abstention: None

- 5.2 **Consideration of Relocation of Neighborhood Convergences** -Amber Evans and Mary Grace Houlihan presented background regarding a proposal to move *Neighborhood Convergence* and a meeting with the artists who created and maintained *Neighborhood Convergence* who did not endorse moving to the location proposed, due to a lack of appropriate sun and shade protection, as afforded under I-80 on Powell Street. Staff also indicated the artists were seeking a lighting proposal for both repair and, as optional, additional scope, expansion of lighting to include overhead lights. PAC discussed fencing options, relocation options, and the need to understand other opportunities to move the work.

Motion: Table consideration of the lighting scope to a meeting with reconsideration of the alternative sites - Moved by Emily McPartlon and seconded by Edythe Bresnahan

Vote Yea’s: Bresnahan, Goldman, Jensen, McPartlon, Wetterer, and Wilchar
Nea’s: None Abstention: Sowell, due to conflict of interest

- 5.3 **Update on Action Taken In Support of 30th Anniversary Celebration of the Arts in Public Places**

Staff presented update on possible actions and sought direction on next steps including:

- Replacing the Then and Now banners in City Hall with 7 to 10 of the 31 Emeryville Celebration of the Arts 2020 banners, which include local artists' original artworks
- Integrating the artist who were selected through the Purchase Award for installation in City Hall in addition to the Otocast Guided Tour App for the Rotten City Cultural District
- Installation of a new work by Ned Kahn at City Hall
- Celebration of the 30-year anniversary in concert with the City's 125th Anniversary on Dec 2, 2021, in tandem with the 2021 Purchase Award assuming that the public facility the art work is to be installed in is open for a public event per Public Health standards
- Commission of consulting services to manage the body of work as above and further defined for the 30th Anniversary of the AiPP

Motion: Seek a proposal from Ned Kahn for the water fountain at City Hall including budget, schedule and timeline as part of the scope of the 30th Anniversary - Moved by Edythe Bresnahan and seconded by Jean Goldman
 Vote Yea's: Bresnahan, Goldman, Jensen, McPartlon, Wetterer, and Wilchar
 Nea's: Sowell Abstention: None

6 Information Items

- 6.1 **Project Update including Maintenance Updates** – Staff highlighted the new details about Private Upcoming Art included in the Project Update
- 6.2 **Form 700 Economic Disclosure Status for Members** – Committee members were asked to submit required forms by April 1 to avoid penalties. Any outstanding
- 6.3 Next Meeting May 13, 2021

7 Future Agenda Items

Motion: Future agenda items to be added:

- Recommendation on the consideration of relocation of the mural site at 1451 Sherwin and consideration of the artist recommendation from the Selection Committee
- Discussion and Possible Recommendation on the possible relocation of and scope of lighting at *Neighborhood Convergence* pending City Council actions regarding fencing around the work
- Consideration of Guillermo Olliverillo for Muralist at a Location to be Determined

Vote Yea's: Bresnahan, Jensen, McPartlon, Sowell, Wetterer, and Wilchar
 Nea's: None Abstention: None

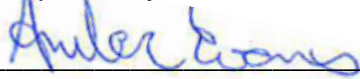
- 6 **Announcements/Member Comments** – Wilchar shared she enjoyed the approval and appreciation of the Council offer the PAC, particularly from Councilmember Patz

who serves as the liaison to the committee. McPartlon and Wetterer shared appreciation for Wilchar's presentation to the Council and Wetterer and Wilchar thanked McPartlon as well.

7 **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

8 **Next Meeting Date** – Regular meeting 5:30 on May 13, 2021 via Zoom.

Prepared by:



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Approved by Committee:
