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Emeryville Public Art Committee

Action Recap – Meeting Minutes Meeting of May 9, 2013

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Laura Anderson at 5:40 p.m. Roll Call is presented below.

Members Present: Laura Anderson, Samantha Blanchard; Kurt Brinkman
Edythe Bresnahan, Stephen Headley, Alicia Raffel, Randy
Symank, Sharon Wilchar
Members Excused: Jean Goldman, Judy Wetterer
Members Absent:
Staff Present: Amber Evans
Others: Roy Miller, EUSD, and Cindy Montero, Community
Services

Public Comment – None.

Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2013 Meeting – Motion to approve minutes with correction to reference to trail “restoration” made by Chair Wilchar, seconded by Member Symank and approved unanimously.

Action Items

Recommendation on Use of Public Art Funds at the ECCL Campus - Staff noted Emeryville Unified School District (EUSD) staff, managing the Emeryville Center for Community Life (ECCL) project were making a request to waive the project’s fee for Citywide use and dedicate the funds to the campus. Roy Miller, Architect for EUSD, and Cindy Montero, Director of the City’s Community Services Division were available for questions and discussion following a short presentation of a project overview. Staff noted the City Attorney had clarified that 100% of funds must be submitted as Art in Public Places funds. The PAC members expressed concerns regarding consultant hiring, art ownership and ongoing maintenance. Member Blanchard wanted to know what ideas there were regarding different spaces to create installations on the campus. Mr. Miller highlighted opportunities on

San Pablo Avenue between ECCL and EBI from 45th to 47th Streets at EBI and 47th to 53rd streets at ECCL. Members tabled the matter to June given the new information regarding the funding split not applying, missing members and a desire for a more specific proposal for PAC involvement in the proposed project.

Recommendation on Prior Bus Shelter Poster and Banners – Staff requested recommendation for reuse of the prior Bus Shelter art currently stored at City Hall. As there have been 10 artists installed in 4 locations there are an estimated 40 original posters with up to 2 prints each or as many as 80 prints. Four additional artists and 16 prints are expected by Fall 2014. The PAC expressed strong support for exploring means of preserving, curating and displaying the series, to the extent feasible, including possible collaborations with the Emeryville Celebration of the Arts.

Motion. Member Bresnahan recommended and Symank seconded and the PAC unanimously approved: The City save 1 of each print as archive to protect in perpetuity and engage in discussion with ECA for display options of all the Bus Shelter images.

The limitations of staff to carry out this work lead the Mayor (as committee liaison) to suggest the PAC consider recommending EDH hire an intern to help with the effort.

Motion. Member Symank moved and Member Blanchard seconded and the PAC unanimously approved a recommendation for EDH to consider hiring or recruiting for free an intern to support the Public Art program,

Information Items

Project Updates– Staff updated the status of projects under installation or design.

- Pt. Emery – City Council approved mock up contract with Adam Kuby for Shells/Mounds
- Walking Map – staff is contracting for printing and map is in final layout, Committee recommended that the City print 5,000 maps and distribute to area hotels
- Poet Laureate – Call was posted to 510arts.com as well as distributed by email and at local cafés, due May 17th
- Shellmound – Sub-Committee reviewed Draft RFP and recommended with changes from sub-committee for PAC review and recommendation to Council for RFP release in September. PAC expressed concern regarding budget and compliance with ordinance.
- Bus Shelter – Finalizing layout of final 4 artists for printing
- Peninsula Tell Tail – Installation in progress – completion expected in June/July
- Sign of The Times – staffing and new projects have delayed contract with the artist. Beginning maintenance on Neighborhood Convergence.

- o Joseph Emery Skatepark – Selection panel to meet May 23rd (Member Symank resignation means reduce panel size as there is no alternate)

Committee Update – At the Shellmound Powell Street Bridge Improvement Meeting the Sub-Committee approved the RFP and the member decided they will not reconvene unless the PAC has significant changes prior to recommendation to Council. There will be no June subcommittee meeting. The Sub-Committee request for immediate fence removal as separate action by Council in advance of the project was denied as construction staging for two immediate Public Works projects are using the space over the next six months.

Staff Comments – None.

Member Comments – Randy Symank tenured his resignation given his eminent relocation to Texas. The PAC enthusiastically wished him well.

Next Meeting Date –Thursday, June 13, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by:
Amber Evans, Committee Secretary
Date: June 6, 2013

Approved by Committee: