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Emeryville Public Art Committee

Action Recap – Meeting Minutes Meeting of April 11, 2013

Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Samantha Blanchard at 5:35 p.m. Roll Call is presented below.

Members Present: Samantha Blanchard; Jean Goldman, Stephen Headley, Alicia Raffel, Randy Symank, Judy Wetterer, Sharon Wilchar

Members Excused: Laura Anderson, Edythe Bresnahan, Kurt Brinkman

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Amber Evans

Others:

Public Comment – None.

Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2013 Meeting – Motion to approve minutes with no changes made by Chair Wilchar, seconded by Member Wetterer 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 Live (ECCL) project and making the request for use of 40% money paid Citywide at the ECCL project, requested the item be rescheduled for May 9th. Chair Wilchar asked why the 40% was being applied if the project was considered Public and thus having the 1.5% standard such as used at Fire Station, Child Development Center, and City Hall applied? The Committee's additional questions included if 100% of the funds should be implemented under the PAC's guidance to the City Council.

Recommendation on Point Emery Installation The Public Art Committee considered the Public Works Committee recommendation to proceed with the Pt. Emery art installation by Adam Kuby without capital improvements including

additional rip rap and trail restoration at Point Emery. The Committee remained concerned with the site conditions and did not approve the project. Member Symank asked if staff could determine if the installation without rip rap would last at least 20 years with perhaps further analysis of the erosion rate including BCDC reports, observation of the most eroded path section, and photo documentation and/or analysis of aerials. Member Headley motioned and Member Raffel seconded a motion to recommend the City Council commission a Conceptual Design mockup from Adam Kuby to be installed on site per his proposal to address the Selection Committee's technical and aesthetic concerns prior to commissioning the full artwork. The motion failed with 3 for, 3 against and 1 abstention. Member Blanchard motioned and Chair Wilchar seconded a motion to thank the artists for their time and cancel the project. The motion failed with 3 for, 3 against and 1 abstention.

Chair Wilchar noted she believed the Committee would not invest in site if they had known of the Council's prior decision not to shore up the site and now that the America's Cup route has been re-routed the impetus for project was reduced.

Recommendation on Appointment to the Selection Panel for City 2nd Poet Laureate - The committee recommended Randy Symank as panelist and Samantha Blanchard as alternate for the Poet Laureate Selection Panel to be convened in May. Nominations were approved unanimously

Information Items

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

- Walking Map – staff received the final version of map for preparing for publication
- Shellmound – Committee directed staff and consultants to prepare a RFQ for the project and seek immediate removal of the fence trapping users of the pedestrian access over the RXR tracks between a hedge and the fence
- Bus Shelter – Website was revised to include all the Phase 2 artists
- Peninsula Tell Tail – Anita Margrill has poured concrete for the project's foundation and moved the "hand" out of storage
- Sign of The Times – staffing and new projects has delayed contract with the artist
- Joseph Emery Skatepark – RFP released today and due May 16th
- Poet Laureate – RFP is being released this week and due May 17th

Committee Update – Subcommittee Vice Chair Goldman noted the Shellmound Powell Street Bridge Improvement Meeting ("Bridge" Committee) directed staff to draft the RFP and initiate budget estimates for lighting as key feature. Member

Blanchard noted committee also asked for immediate fence removal as separate action by Council in advance of the project .

Staff Comments – None.

Member Comments – Committee Member Goldman noted she would be absent from both the PAC meeting and Subcommittee in May.

Next Meeting Date –Thursday, May 9, 2013 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Prepared by:
Amber Evans, Committee Secretary
Date: May 2, 2013

Approved by Committee: