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APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
MINUTES OF May 04, 2022

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE:

The notice of the meeting was posted on April 27, 2022.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Mills-Thysen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee Chair Mills-Thysen, Committee Vice-Chair Stucker and Committee Members Langberg, Harris and Brent

Absent Members: None

Staff: John Jay, Associate Planner

Absent Staff: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes available for April meeting

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

5. STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

6. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Ives Park Sculpture Garden update: see below

B. Library Sculpture Dedication Ceremony Logistics

Committee Member Harris reported:

She is a Curator for Sebastopol Library exhibits and has been in contact with Matthew Rosa and other Library staff/ volunteers, including the Library Design Department.

TUESDAY JULY 19, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00pm was selected for the Reception for Michael



McGinnis' sculpture "Grey Matter." The reception will take place outside the Library. The Library and the PAC will promote the event.

The Opening Event for the PAC Community Sculpture Garden will be announced at this Reception. There are City funds allocated for food for the reception.

Committee Member Harris asked about the history of having Mr. McGinnis' sculpture on the Library wall and Committee Chair Mills-Thysen filled her in on this. Video recordings and Minutes from this Sebastopol City and PAC commissioned artwork project are available to the public as well.

C. PAC Subcommittees

● COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN

TIMELINE:

Deadline for new entries:

PAC meeting and selection of possible new sculptures:

Contacting artists regarding selection, installation date, and Open Event participation.

Installation: TBA

Opening Event: Saturday, July 23, 2022, at 1pm.

INSTALLATION: TBA

SIGNAGE: As of 5/3/22 No Signage has been installed for the CSG.

Committee Chair Mills-Thysen reported from her phone conversation with Planning Director Svanstrom:

Planning Director Svanstrom said that the signage for the individual pedestals has been created, she did not know when it would be installed, and would check on that and let us know.

Planning Director Svanstrom did not know the status of the signs for the 2 entrances and would check on that and let the Committee know.

OPENING EVENT:

SUBCOMMITTEES FOR OPENING EVENT:

OUTREACH: Committee Vice-Chair Stucker & Committee Member Harris

SCULPTURE MAKING EVENT: Committee Members Langberg & Brent



OVERALL EVENT ORGANIZATION & SPEAKERS:

Committee Chair Mills-Thysen & Committee Vice-Chair Stucker

NETWORKING for OPENING EVENT:

Organizations to be contacted include:

Chimera (Jim Wheaton): Committee Chair Mills-Thysen

SCA (Catherine): Committee Member Brent

ArtStart: Committee Chair Mills-Thysen

UpCycle: Planning Director Svanstrom?

Others: TBA

COMMUNITY SCULPTURE-MAKING EVENT at the OPENING:

Committee Chair Mills-Thysen will contact the 3 sculptors currently displayed in the CSG to lead this activity.

Additional sculptors selected by the PAC on 6/1 will also be contacted for this. There are funds in the City budget that can be used for material for this project. Previously, the PAC has discussed installing the resulting sculpture on one of the remaining 5 pedestals. Concerns of durability and maintenance would need to be addressed.

• REPORT ON CREATIVE SONOMA MEETING

Committee Member Brent reported. There was a presentation by a consultant specializing in public art budgets. There was discussion of the creation of a Sonoma County PAC. There could be a county-wide art fund from 1% of budgets of commercial construction projects on county land, including unincorporated areas and county parks. The County Board of Supervisors could create this, and Creative Sonoma could function as this PAC.

Committee Member Harris will add information as needed.

• DISCUSSION OF ABSENCES TO PAC MEETINGS AND INTERVAL BUSINESS

Committee Chair Mills-Thysen introduced this topic to improve communication and facilitate smoother functioning of Committee business when Committee Members or City Staff have to be absent between and/or at PAC meetings.

Committee Vice-Chair Stucker said clear and timely communication around absences was important for the functioning of timelines set for this Committee’s specific projects and other business.



Committee Member Langberg said communication was an “organic process” and that “trust will work.” He also brought up the topic of meetings’ minutes and recordings being used to provide those absent from meetings information on “what happened and what will happen.”

It was generally agreed that as much advance notice of absences as possible, advance referral of current responsibilities and communications to another Committee or staff member, and advance communication of possible ways to contact absent members or staff if needed be provided when possible were all recommended.

● **DISCUSSION OF MINUTES FOR PAC MEETINGS:**

Committee Member Langberg asked if Minutes could be available with a week after each meeting rather than the day before the next meeting.

There was discussion of use of video recordings of meetings, of the City providing audio to print copies, and of current difficulties due to staffing shortages.

It was agreed that PAC Committee Members would type up and send out Minutes of Meetings on a rotating basis until staffing shortages were resolved and staff was once again able to take minutes at meetings and send these out in a timely manner.

The following members volunteered to write up and send out meeting Minutes:

May meeting minutes: Committee Chair Mills-Thysen

June meeting minutes: Committee Member Brent

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT (Update on Future Agendas, Action of Other Boards and City Council)

Associate Planner Jay provided updates.

Flyers for the CSG Opening are available at the City office and Associate Planner Jay encouraged members to pick some up to post and share.

The Ned Kahn sculpture has completed another engineering permit requirement and staff will be checking with Ned Kahn on his schedule to begin fabrication.

The Sebastopol Hotel is moving forward. Committee Member Langberg said he thought they were looking at a possible summer construction start.

City Meeting Formats: Formats were discussed at the Council meeting, and it was decided to continue with Zoom format until at least the Fall, when the subject would be re-visited. Concerns around the Covid Virus led to continuing online at this time. Hybrid format of Zoom and In-Person meetings was discussed for the future to accommodate continuing concerns as well as those wanting in-person option, although the complexity of that format could be complicated. Options include continuing with Zoom format, using a Hybrid of, and using In-Person meetings only.



Huntley Square: Committee Chair Mills-Thysen asked about the housing project at Huntley Square. Staff will let the Committee know about possible contribution to the Public Arts fund from this project.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Committee Vice-Chair Stucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Brent seconded the motion. Committee Chair Mills- Thysen adjourned the meeting of the Sebastopol Public Arts Committee at 12:00 p.m. The next regular Public Arts Committee meeting will be held on June 1, 2022, via Zoom at 10:30 a.m.