



RENO ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION'S PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2017
TIME: 11:00 AM
PLACE: MCKINLEY ARTS & CULTURE CENTER
925 RIVERSIDE DR.
RENO, NV 89501

MEMBERS

Megan Berner, Chair
Nettie Oliverio
Robyn Powers
Carola Nan Roach
Barbara Santner
Maria Partridge
Eric Brooks
Matthew McIver
Tamara Scronce
Mahsan Ghazianzad
Ahren Hertel

- Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 11:03 am by Nettie Oliverio.
Roll Call – Present: Nettie Oliverio, Eric Brooks, Ahren Hertel, Mahsan Ghazianzad, Barbara Santner, Carola Nan Roach, Robyn Powers (11:20 am) and Tamara Scronce (11:07 am). **Absent:** Maria Partridge and Matthew McIver. Also present: Megan Berner, Public Art Coordinator and Sharon Honig-Bear Chair of the Reno Arts & Culture Commission.
- Public Comment** – Carola Nan Roach stated she should not have voted for the Playa Park funding because she is a member on the Artech Board; recusing herself does not affect the vote. Eileen Gay stated that she is excited that we have another staff person for the public art program and she's excited about the meeting and all the projects in progress.
- Approve minutes for the October 16th, 2017 Public Art Committee meeting** – Ahren Hertel moved to approve the October 16th, 2017 Public Art Committee meeting minutes with an amendment to item 6 section ii: Eileen Gay repurposed the tree trunks from a piece that was to be deaccessioned to make the Rainbow Trout Fish, seconded by Eric Brooks. All in favor, 5 approve, 2 abstain, 2 absent. Motion carried.
- Financial Report and Budget Update**
 - Review and possible acceptance of the FY2017/18 Public Art Budget Report**

Megan Berner handed out the Public Art Budget to the public art committee and made the statement that some of the items in the encumbered column have not been moved into the spent column because they have not been reconciled yet. There was a discussion as to putting some money aside for a potential sculpture in front of City Hall. Eric Brooks moved to approve the Public Art Budget Report, seconded by Tamara Scronce. All in favor, motion approved.
 - Discussion and possible acceptance of the creation of a Public Art Maintenance Fund from the Public Art Budget**

Megan Berner stated that this was something that was included in the PAC Strategic Goals and recommended that there be an established fund for future repairs. Tamara Scronce asked if there is an estimated dollar amount for the current public art repairs. Megan Berner also recommended allocating a specific percentage per public art project for maintenance and repairs. Tamara Scronce suggested setting aside \$5000 a year and possibly reallocating those funds later in the year if they are not used within the fiscal year. Nettie Oliverio mentioned that the indoor collection doesn't need too much maintenance or repairs. Tamara Scronce moved to approve the creation of the Public Art Maintenance pending an estimate of how much current repairs will be, seconded by Carola Nan Roach. All in favor, motion approved.
- Review and possible recommendation of artist(s) from submissions for Call for Artists to paint the vents at ReTrac West for the Downtown Dog Park from the following list of applicants in alphabetical order: Hannah Eberle, Kendel Leslie, Seth McCorkle, Kaelyn McGowen, Leona Novio, Hannah Sproul**

Megan Berner projected a slideshow of submissions created by Staff. Six artists applied to the Call for Artists to paint the ReTrac West Vents. Sharron Elledge, Maggie Telander, Darlene Arnold and Stacy

Cadwell are the organizers of this project and were present for the slideshow. There was a discussion as to the actual and perceived goals of the project between the Dog Park organizers and the committee members. The project will serve as a donor wall and be a mural in progress, the public art committee will give the artist \$1500 for supplies and the background design for the mural. Additional artist compensation for individual pet portraits will be determined between the artist and the Dog Park organizers. It was decided by the committee due to the gravity of the project that the top 3 candidates selected by the committee and the Dog Park organizers will be contacted to submit a second visual proposal that better reflects the needs of the project. Ahren Hertel made a motion to consider the top 3 finalists: Kendel Leslie, Leona Novio, and Hannah Eberle and create a sub-committee to define the parameters for the scope and scale of the project before the next public art committee meeting, seconded by Eric Brooks. All in favor, motion to approve.

6. Discussion and possible approval of a plan for the Valley Wood mosaic park bench in disrepair not to exceed \$70,000.

Megan Berner passed out a draft proposal for the repairs for the Valley Wood mosaic park bench created by Eileen Gay. Carola Nan Roach asked if the community is attached to the piece. Megan Berner stated that the neighborhood likes having that structure there, they just want it to be fixed. We would have to contract a company to remove the existing mosaic and there is a possibility of having to refinish the surface if the committee was interested in painting the structure. Barbara Santner stated that she was concerned about the form and the committee should evaluate the structure after all the mosaic has been removed before moving forward. Eileen Gay gave an estimate for the cost of her labor, supplies, and time frame to finish the project. Carola Nan Roach asked what it would cost to decommission the piece. Tamara Scronce suggested commissioning a brand new public art piece for the price of \$70,000 instead of trying to repair the piece. Robyn Powers suggested approaching the neighborhood advisory board for that neighborhood to find out if they are specifically attached to the Valley Wood serpent bench or if they are just interested in having some sort of artwork there. Ahren Hertel stated that it could be a fun project to repaint the structure every so often to have a constantly evolving piece depending on if the surface is decent enough to be painted on. Sharon Honig-Bear asked whether or not Parks and Recreation has been approached to see if they know what the public opinion is or if they would be willing to contribute funding for this project.

7. Discussion and possible approval of modifications to the base of the Reno Star to address issues with public access to the inside of the sculpture not to exceed \$500.

Megan Berner informed the committee that public works and RTC have been receiving letters concerning public access and cleaning up the area around the Reno Star. When public works helped with the painting of the Reno Star they discovered that there is still evidence of public access. In previous conversations there were suggestions of adding material to the bottom of the base of the sculpture to prevent access. Tamara Scronce said she was concerned with adding material because it would scar the exterior, she suggested adding brackets to the interior of the piece and attaching material such as hardware cloth or chain mail.

8. Discussion of PAC Strategic Goal on pop-up exhibitions – including the Lake and Center St. Windows and any other locations – next steps and potential partnerships

Megan Berner provided the committee with the PAC Strategic Goals and stated that the Lake and Center St. Windows are going to be installed potentially at the end of November/early December. She asked the committee if they would like to consider the Lake and Center St. Windows as part of the pop-up exhibition budget and continue the current partnership with the community college - possibly reaching out to the University of Nevada. With this partnership Megan Berner suggested changing out the work every 6 months and coordinating with specific professors to incorporate this project into their class

syllabus. To maintain the consistency of the project Megan Berner suggested that the Public Art Committee print and install the work, rather than have original artwork in the windows. Robyn Powers made a motion to approve the partnership and allocate \$2,500 from the pop-up exhibition fund to the annual rotation of the Center and Lake St. Windows, seconded by Ahren Hertel. All in favor, motion approved.

9. Update on public art process for the Virginia Street RAPID Extension project

Megan Berner stated that there isn't really an update but we are ahead of the RTC timeline and this project will probably not get started until 2018.

10. Update on the City's Blight Fund projects in progress – Neil Road Recreation Center and Fire Station 2 project proposal

Megan Berner projected the finished mural for the committee and stated she would like to do a dedication ceremony for the artist Asa Kennedy and UNR MEDLIFE at the beginning of December. The design for the Fire Station 2 mural has been approved and the artists will start painting right after Thanksgiving. Megan Berner stated that once the Fire Station 2 project has been completed she will take it to City Council to request more Blight Funds for projects like these.

11. Update on Virginia Lake Public Art Project, the Reno Star, the Playa Art Park and Bicentennial Park Sculpture Garden

The Reno Star has already been discussed. Megan Berner stated that the Dragonfly for Virginia Lake is not quite finished, Peter Hazel wanted to redo the wings that he did. Megan Berner hopes that this piece will be installed before the end of the year and suggested incorporating financially backed deadlines to future public art calls for artists to prevent situations like this in the future. Robyn Powers stated she would like to redact her statement from the October minutes about incorporating a \$10,000 penalty for missing deadlines. Megan Berner said she would be meeting with Paul Baker Prindle after Thanksgiving to discuss a timeline for installing the next artwork to be featured in Bicentennial Park Sculpture Garden. The Playa Art Park had its grand opening on the 10th of November and one of the stipulations for funding was to have programming each month and Megan Berner is working on creating a schedule of events.

12. Announcements not anticipated at the notice date (Item for general announcements and information only. No deliberation or action will be taken on this item)

13. Set date, time and agenda for the next meeting – Monday December 18th, 2017 at 11:00 am.

14. Public Comment – Barbara Santner stated that Kate Radenbush's new piece has been installed at the top of USA Pkwy. Eileen Gay is excited with all the new projects and progress that the public art committee is making.

15. Adjournment – Robyn Powers moved to adjourn, seconded by Ahren Hertel. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.