



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

DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 8th, 2018
TIME: 11:00 AM
PLACE: MCKINLEY ARTS & CULTURE CENTER
925 RIVERSIDE DR.
RENO, NV 89501

MEMBERS

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

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 11:05 am by Nettie Oliverio.
Roll Call – Present: Nettie Oliverio, Eric Brooks, Ahren Hertel, Carola Nan Roach, Matthew McIver, and Maria Partridge. **Absent:** Tamara Scronce, Barbara Santner, Robyn Powers, Mahsan Ghazianzad. Also present: Megan Berner, Public Art Coordinator.
2. **Public Comment** – Maria Partridge made the announcement that Artech is going to be taking over Art Fest and is going to be held in front of the Playa Art Park. The opening will be at Artech including art cars, vendors, etc. Art Fest will be held in July and will be the kickoff event for Artown. A new committee will be created and any former Art Fest members are welcome to join.
3. **Approve minutes for the December 18th, 2017 Public Art Committee meeting** – Eric Brooks moved to approve the December 18th, 2017 Public Art Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Maria Partridge. All in favor, 5 approve, 1 abstain, 3 absent. Motion carried.
4. **Financial Report and Budget Update**
 - i. **Review and possible acceptance of the FY2017/18 Public Art Budget Report**

Megan Berner stated that nothing has changed since the December meeting. The committee will be reviewing the showmobile and signal box proposals next meeting which will then be reconciled later in the year. Eric Brooks motioned to approve the FY2017/18 Public Art Budget Report, seconded by Ahren Hertel. All in favor, motion approved.
 - ii. **Discussion and possible acceptance of the creation of a Public Art Maintenance Fund from the Public Art Budget**

Megan Berner has started to compile policy for the Public Art Maintenance Fund and has partnered with the University of Nevada to have a paid intern researching public art maintenance best practices and policies around the country. Megan Berner announced that as of now she has no new information and will be tabling this item until she has more information.
5. **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 finalists in alphabetical order: Hannah Eberle, Kendel Leslie, Leona Novio**

The Dog Park Coalition decided on Hannah Eberle as the muralist for the ReTrac West Dog Park mural. Megan Berner asked the coalition's committee to revise their original plan to be more in line with the public art committee. Ahren Hertel asked whether the artist would determine some sort of scale when adding dogs. Hannah Eberle stated that she chose a more simplistic background and will feature larger pets so that they are the main focus, but will use a flat rate suggested by the Dog Park Coalition and will scale each pet according to their respective sizes. Ahren Hertel motioned to approve the new design concept, seconded by Matthew McIver. All in favor, motion approved.
6. **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 \$3,240.**

Megan Berner projected a revised proposal from Reno Iron Works for a metal piece to be bolted to the inside of the Reno Star extending to the concrete base to prevent public access not to exceed \$3,240. Eric Brooks motioned to approve the revised proposal not to exceed \$3,240, seconded by Maria Partridge. 5 approve, Carola Nan Roach abstained. Motion approved.

7. Discussion and possible recommendation of sculptures/designs for Bicentennial Park installations for 2018-2020 in collaboration with UNR Galleries. Corry Castaneda, Debe Fennell, Marlene Olsen

Megan Berner stated that she received the Bicentennial Park installation proposal late and did not feel comfortable representing Paul Baker Prindle's vision without him present. Item tabled until next month.

8. Discussion of PAC Strategic Goal on pop-up exhibitions – next steps and potential partnerships

Megan Berner stated that during the Reno Arts & Culture Commission Retreat earlier last year pop-up exhibitions were identified as a goal. There is currently \$3,500 allocated in the budget for pop-up exhibitions. Eric Brooks suggested putting out a call to see what different people and organizations are doing in the community. Megan Berner brought up concerns about the legality of granting money directly to individual artists. Carola Nan Roach asked what entails a pop-up show and there should be a defined description in the call. Eric Brooks suggested there could be multiple pop-up exhibitions per this allocation, for example single artists would be granted less and group exhibitions would be granted more. Maria Partridge asked whether the exhibition has to be public or private. Carola Nan Roach asked what the duration of the exhibitions should be, and Eric Brooks responded that typically pop-up exhibitions last 24-72 hours – a week would be too long. Nettie Oliverio stated that there should be restrictions on what the money can be used for. Megan Berner reminded the committee about the Reno Arts & Culture Commission's original intention to promote artist innovation, calling for artists to activate an unusual location and plan a party or event surrounding the exhibition. Carola Nan Roach asked if everyone from the committee could research pop-up exhibitions and come back to the February meeting with ideas. Megan Berner said she would put together an email so that absent committee members could come back with ideas as well.

9. Update on Virginia Lake Public Art Project, the Playa Art Park, Fire Station 2 mural, and Valley Wood bench.

Megan Berner stated that Dragonfly by Peter Hazel is set to install January 15th at Virginia Lake. A dedication is to be determined because the week after install is supposed to have inclement weather. Maria Partridge announced that the Playa Art Park signs are being installed this week with an overhead view of where the sculptures are installed. Programming for the space will be in April, May, June, and all of July. Maya's Mind is going to the Smithsonian for their Burning Man exhibition. In its place Peter Hazel's Manta Rey will be installed. The Fire Station 2 dedication will be February 6th. An engineer from Public Works will be assessing the Valley Wood bench to determine the structural integrity before deciding on anything further.

10. Announcements not anticipated at the notice date (Item for general announcements and information only. No deliberation or action will be taken on this item) - None

11. Set date, time and agenda for the next meeting – Monday February 12th, 2017 at 11:00 am.

12. Public Comment – None

13. Adjournment – Eric Brooks moved to adjourn, seconded by Carola Nan Roach. Meeting adjourned at 11:43 pm.