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The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 3:30 PM
MCAD Board Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 3:40 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Elvira Carrizal-Dukes, Derek Caulfield, Lloyd C Hamilton III, Emmanuel Iglesias, Adam Marshall, Josue Munoz, and Abel Saucedo.

Members Absent: Edmund Castle, Laura Turon and Stefanie Block Uribarri.

Others Present: Ben Fyffe, Aidee Cosme, Miriam Garcia, Adrian Guzman and Diana Cepeda

3. Public Comment. None

4. Approval of Minutes. Josue Munoz requested a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 minutes. Adam Marshall moved to approve. Derek Caulfield seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action on design for Lomaland Recreation Center. Aidee Cosme introduced Blessing Hancock as the artist for the public art piece at the Lomaland Recreation Center. Ms. Hancock presented the conceptual design via Skype to the Committee. She talked about the general artwork concept that she has been working on with the community around the Lomaland recreation center for the past months. She talked about her background and she mentioned she specializes in community engagement to involve everyone in the processes and engage the community. Her pieces are mainly fabricated in stainless steel and include lighting, which will be included in the design. The architects for the Lomaland recreation center had the idea of incorporating the artwork as a shade or canopy and they suggested working with corten steel. The architects also provided the most accessible and relevant location for the art piece. Ms. Hancock presented drawings and details of the artwork to the Committee. She will be utilizing 4 X 8 sheet panels of corten steel of either waterjet or laser cut for a shadow pattern design on top the sidewalk. The allied artist is assisting her in the collection of images to be incorporated into the final design through an engagement process with the Community. The lighting is currently being determined in collaboration with the Architects. Miriam Garcia added the canopy would be suspended from the top. Mr. Munoz requested a motion to approve the design for Lomaland Recreation Center. Mr. Caulfield moved to approve. Elvira Carrizal seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and action on the 2018 Public Art Plan. Ms. Cosme said this Committee approved the 2018 Public Art Plan in December 12, 2017, but the plan needs to be re-approve due to some updates. The Tom Lea Park slope will be having some improvements and there will be a direct selection to commission a local artist for the artwork. Three street re-construction projects: Hawkins, Railroad and Shuster Street were added to the plan. Allocations have been provided to add art elements to the construction either on the sidewalk or the medians. Commission will be done through open competition. The waterparks from District 1 and District 4 and the Far East Transit Center were also added. Ms. Cosme explained the addition of these projects is due to approval of capital projects and their timelines under Capital Improvement Department. Ben Fyffe said City Council has a new strategic plan called 20 for 2020 and they have accelerated the quality of bond life projects. Ms. Carrizal-Dukes moved to approve. Mr. Marshall seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Munoz motioned to adjourn the February 13, 2018 meeting at 4:16 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for March 13, 2018.

Approved for content by:
Aidee Cosme, Public Art Program Supervisor

Respectfully submitted by:
Diana Cepeda, Administrative Assistant



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