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Museums & Cultural Affairs

The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 4:00 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m.
2. **Roll Call. Members Present:** Katherine Brennand, Floyd Johnson, Amy Parker, Anna Pilhoefer, and Gregory Elliott. **Members Absent:** Martina Lorey, Michael Nash and Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson. **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Public Art Program Coordinator; Marisol Lopez, Public Art Program Specialist; and Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Gregory Elliott moved that the minutes for October 30, 2007, be approved as stated; Anna Pilhoefer seconded; all members voted in favor, and it passed unanimously.
5. **Recommendation of Artist for Airport Expansion Project.** Rae Mahaffey was selected by the Artist Selection Panel for the Airport Expansion project. The Artist's design is to include the original southwest Indian designs in fused glass panels. Anna Pilhoefer moved to approve the artist selection; Gregory Elliott seconded; all members voted in favor, and motion passed unanimously.
6. **Recommendation of Artists for Men of Company E Project.** Reynaldo "Sony" Rivera and Julio Sanchez de Alba will be the two artists selected to propose a memorial to the Men of Company E, and one will be commissioned for the project. Floyd Johnson moved to approve the two selected artists; Katherine Brennand seconded; all members voted in favor, and motion passed unanimously.
7. **Deaccessioning of Fire Fighter Wall and Aztec Calendar.** Images and handouts depicting specifics of each of the current conditions of the public artworks were provided for review and consideration. Extensive discussion about existing condition, degree of deterioration, and options for cost of maintenance vs. deaccessioning these artworks. Marisol Lopez reported specifically about ongoing discussions with PEMEX-Mexico with regard to obtaining an Aztec Calendar replica donation to replace the existing structure. The PAC agreed and Anna Pilhoefer moved to approve the de-accessioning of both existing public artworks; Gregory Elliott seconded; Amy Parker declined; and motion passed by majority vote.
8. **Environmental Services Building Public Art Project.** General discussion about including a public art project at the new environmental service building located at San Paulo. The project will include the use of recycled material and natural energy sources.
9. **New/Old Business.** Handout with current project updates provided and attached.
 - Discussion about host site for next PAC meeting to visit with artist
 - Chalk the Block event scheduled for June 21st; collaboration with MCAD; will close down Franklin, Santa Fe and Oregon streets
10. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant



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Current updates for the El Paso Public Art Program are as follows:

Airport Expansion: Project finalists have turned in design proposals to the El Paso Public Art Program and will soon be visiting El Paso on Monday, January 28th for presentations and interviews.

Alberta Way Mural: Artist Mitsu Overstreet has completed 50% of the Alberta Way Mural and will soon be ready for display. An opening reception is planned to be held near the end of February.

Crime Victims Memorial Reading Garden: A contract has been filed and signed by artist Ken Bernstein, who has already begun the design phase for the Crime Victims Memorial Project.

Open Space Enhancement: A contract has been filed and signed by artist Ray Parish, who is now near completion of his design phase. The artist has introduced and presented his design to City Stakeholders and will soon begin the construction phase of the Open Space Enhancement project.

Upper Valley Traffic Circle: The El Paso Public Art Program is currently involved in contract negotiations for commissioned artist Doug Taylor.

Cleveland Square Park: Contract negotiations are currently underway for Public Art Consultant Gretchen Freeman.

Art and Sol Project: Winning artists for the Art and Sol project have been notified of their selection. Contract negotiations are currently underway.

Men of Company E: The El Paso Public Art Program has met with project stakeholders to discuss the artist selection process. A meeting has been tentatively set for Friday February 1st.

Environmental Services: The El Paso Public Art Program has met with project stakeholders and has begun research for potential artists and sculptures.

Civic Center Renovation: Artist Barbara Grygutis has received a project contract and will soon begin working with project architects to initiate the design phase.

Public Art Storage: An architect, who has begun the design phase, has been secured for the Public Art Storage project.