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The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 3:30 PM
MCAD Board Room

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call: Members Present:** Anna Aleman, Melissa Barba, Kim Bauer, Robert Gonzalez, Ken Gorski, Jeannine Kennedy, Gregory McNicol, Marina Monsisvais, Daniela Quesada Rivas and Jane Thomas.
Members Absent: None.
Others Present: Pat Dalbin, Misty Castaneda, Erik Gomez, Jeff Howell, Kristen Hamilton.
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair asked for approval of the Minutes for the last meeting on November 12, 2013, as submitted. Jane Thomas so moved; Robert Gonzalez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion on Two Year Term for PAC Members per City Code 2.40.080.** *Pat Dalbin requested that item 5 be taken out of order and revisited at the end of the agenda.* Kristen Hamilton advised members it had been brought to her attention there was confusion about the length of terms for the Public Art Committee. It has been interpreted that the term is three years, but after reviewing the bylaws and the ordinance in the City Code, the term is listed as two years per City Code. Chair inquired as to what that meant for current board members, and Pat replied each member has one year less to serve and unfortunately, Ken Gorski's term has expired. He will be eligible for reappointment after sitting out for one term. General discussion followed.
6. **Discussion and Action on the Artist Selection Process for the Westside Swimming Pool.** Pat Dalbin began with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the plans to add a swimming pool to an already existing park and recreation center on the westside. The architect has been selected and once they are contracted, decisions will be made on artwork for the swimming pool area. Pat continued to mention there are two ways to pick the artist for this project; through an open call for anyone in the United States to work in conjunction with an Allied Artist, or through a local artist who creates the artwork, which is then bid out by the architect for completion in whatever medium is chosen. Robert Gonzalez asked what the budget was, and Pat replied it would be \$150,000. General discussion followed. Ken Gorski moved to use a national call with an Allied Artist being integral to the project. Robert Gonzalez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discussion and Action on the Artist Selection Process for the Richard Burges Library.** Pat Dalbin began by noting this is a small renovation project with an opportunity for public art. The architect has provided drawings of possible locations for the art, which were provided for member review via a PowerPoint presentation. Pat went on to say the project design is almost complete because the architect was chosen through their pre-qualified artist list and suggested the artist be chosen through the pre-qualified artist pool as well in order to by-step the time it would take to put out the call, and complete the artist selection and contracting process. Robert Gonzalez asked who the architect was, and Pat replied McCormick. General discussion followed and Gregory McNicol moved that the Richard Burges Library artwork be selected through the pre-qualified artist pool. Kim Bauer seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
8. **Discussion and Action on the Public Art Plan for the City of El Paso.** Pat Dalbin reminded members that every year we go to the Public Art Committee, the Museums and Cultural Affairs Board and City Council to present the Public Art Plan for approval. The purpose of the briefing is to discuss new projects that will be initiated in 2014. The planned locations, proposed budgets, timetables, artist selection process and updates on public art projects in progress were provided for review via a

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PowerPoint presentation. General discussion followed. Chair requested a motion to approve the public art plan as submitted. Melissa Barba so moved; Robert Gonzalez seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment. Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Jeannine Kennedy so moved; Melissa Barba seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm. Next meeting scheduled for February 11, 2014.

Approved for content by:
Patricia Dalbin, Public Art Program Coordinator

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