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Museums & Cultural Affairs

The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 3:30 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 3:37 p.m.
2. **Roll Call. Members Present:** Rida Asfahani, Kate Bonansinga, Ken Gorski, Martina Lorey, Ray Parish, Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengston **Members Absent:** Katherine Brennand, Floyd Johnson **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Marisol Lopez, Sean P. McGlynn.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Patricia Dalbin asked for a motion to approve the minutes for meeting held on February 23, 2010. Ken Gorski moved to approve the minutes as presented; Ray Parish seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion on Council action regarding Ordinance No. 16324.** Sean reported that City Council expressed a unanimous vote to not remove funds on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in reference to the proposed amendment to exempt IT projects from the 2% for the arts requirement under the capital bond issuance for site acquisitions and/or computer hardware and software, as they were considered not eligible to fund Public Art projects. Mentioned that City Council communicated an interest for the Public Art Program and voted against the removal of such funds in a praising response to what the Public Art Program & Team has achieved thus far. Funds that were in question now added to the 2010 Public Art Plan to help fund the integration of public art for additional capital improvement projects. No action required.
6. **Discussion and Action to include the renovation and expansion of the Animal Shelter located at Fred Wilson in the 2010 Public Art Plan.** As a result of the recently added funds linked to Council Action regarding Ordinance No. 16324, Patricia Dalbin proposed and discussed the benefit of commissioning an artist early on during the design phase of a Capital Improvement Project to renovate and expand the Animal Shelter located at Fred Wilson; including it as part of the 2010 Public Art Plan. Mentioned the artist will be allowed full integration of artwork if included from the design phase of project. Artists from the pre-qualified artist pool would be considered for this project. Ray Parish moved to include the renovation and expansion of the Animal Shelter located at Fred Wilson in the 2010 Public Art Plan; Martina Lorey seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discussion and Action to include a new Fire Station #37 located at Rich Beem and Edgemere in the 2010 Public Art Plan.** As a result of the recently added funds linked to Council Action regarding Ordinance No. 16324, Patricia Dalbin proposed and discussed the benefit of commissioning an artist early on during the design phase of a Capital Improvement Project for the construction of Fire Station #37 located at Rich Beem & Edgemere; including it as part of the 2010 Public Art Plan. Mentioned the artist will be allowed full integration of artwork if included from the design phase of project. Artists from the pre-qualified artist pool would be considered for this project. Ray Parish moved to include the new Fire Station #37 located at Rich Beem and Edgemere in the 2010 Public Art Plan; Martina Lorey seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
8. **Discussion and Action on the selection of 3 finalists for the Stanton Bridge project.** Patricia mentioned that a Request for Qualifications was released to public artists living within a 300 mile radius from El Paso on February 2, 2010 to apply for a public art commission at the Stanton Bridge. A total of 28 artists submitted qualifications by the deadline of March 5, 2010. After review by an appointed artist selection panel, 3 semi-finalists were selected: Jari Alvarez, Paz, and William Wilson. Images and information of all 3 artists were presented. Semi-finalists will now proceed to comply with a Request for Proposal to provide conceptual designs for the project at hand. Ken Gorski moved to accept the selection of the 3 finalists for the Stanton Bridge project to proceed to the Request for Proposals phase; Rida Asfahani seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.m. Next meeting scheduled for April 27, 2010.

Approved for content by:
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Respectfully submitted by:
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