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The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 3:30 PM
MCAD Board Room

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 3:43 pm.
- 2. Roll Call.**
Members Present: Melissa Barba, Kim Bauer, Ann Kruzich, Marina Monsisvais, Daniela Quesada Rivas and Stefanie Block Uribarri
Members Absent: Edmund Castle, Robert González, Gregory McNicol and Isela Ocegueda
Others Present: Pat Dalbin and Misty Monteros
- 3. Public Comment.** None
- 4. Approval of Minutes.** Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Kim Bauer so moved; Melissa Barba seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Discussion and Action on the Direct Selection of Artist Bill Fitz Gibbon for the El Paso International Airport's Landscape Project.** Pat Dalbin explained that the El Paso International Airport is re-landscaping the entry area from Montana all the way in. Lighting will be used at all different times of year for different seasons and events to showcase the airport landscaping and the airport itself. Bill Fitz Gibbon out of San Antonio works in light work, and he will be included as part of the design team to design the lighting elements. The project is not being paid for through the Public Art Program, it is being financed by the Airport and we are assisting in artist selection for the project. Images of the artist's past works were reviewed via a PowerPoint handout. Pat estimated the entire project budget to be \$10M for the landscaping and the lighting component, and general discussion on the design, design fee and maintenance budget followed. Chair requested a motion to approve. Stefanie Block Uribarri moved to approve; Kim Bauer seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Discussion and Action on the Redesign of the 9/11 Memorial by Julio Sanchez for the Fire Station located at 9501 San Jose Road.** Per member comments on the artist's design concept at the February meeting, the artist was asked to make changes to his maquette, which was provided for review. It was asked if the entire donated piece would be used in the sculpture and Pat replied that it would be incorporated, but she doubted it would all be used. She further added that concrete and steel metal would be used as rubble, but the firemen would be bronze. The scale of the sculpture is life-size and the NYC uniform and hat will be depicted on the firemen. Kim Bauer moved to approve. Ann Kruzich seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Discussion and Action on the Selection of Artist Andrew Dufford for the Chihuahuan Desert Habitat Project at the El Paso Zoo.** Pat Dalbin noted that the Public Art Plan had been taken to City Council and approval to spend some of the Quality of Life bond money was received. The Chihuahuan Desert area will be demolished and rebuilt. Pat turned the floor over to Melissa Barba, who sat on the Artist Selection Panel as a member of the PAC. Melissa explained that Andrew Dufford was chosen for the project as he stood out significantly among the rest due to his past works. Images were provided for review via a PowerPoint handout. Pat added that he is from Denver, Colorado and he expressed his strong desire to work on this project. Chair requested a motion to approve. Melissa Barba moved to approve; Daniela Quesada Rivas seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
- 8. Public Art Status Report.** Pat Dalbin requested a member to sit on the Artist Selection Panel for the Eastside Regional Park project and Kim Bauer volunteered. Pat briefly reviewed the status of public art projects, noting that the terrazzo floor at the airport and the installation of *Radiance* begins next month.

She will be traveling to San Jose next week to look at the artwork that was commissioned for the zoo, *Rising Stronger* will be installed in September, new lights have been installed in Ho Baron's piece at the library and Chroma Booster has been cleaned and will be activated soon. General discussion followed.

9. Adjournment. Chair requested a motion to adjourn. Melissa Barba moved to adjourn; Stefanie Block Uribarri seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 10, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Misty Monteros, Administrative Assistant

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