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Museums & Cultural Affairs

The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 3:30 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 3:43pm.

2. Roll Call: Members Present: Jesus Alvarado, Rida Asfahani, David Berchermann, Ken Gorski, Martina Lorey, and Elizabeeth Thurmond-Bengston. **Members Absent:** Kate Bonansinga, R. Katherine Brennan, Floyd Johnson, and Ray Parish. **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Marisol Lopez, and Maria Aragon.

3. Public Comment: None. Patricia Dalbin opened by asking members to consider nominations for Vice-Chair, and introduced new members David Berchermann and Jesus Alvarado.

4. Approval of Minutes. Patricia Dalbin asked for a motion to approve the minutes for meeting held on April 27, 2010. Rida Asfahani moved to approve the minutes as presented; David Berchermann seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and review of the Stanton Street Project proposals from each finalist. Marisol Lopez reported that 16 artists were reviewed online at CaFE and that three were selected and tasked to submit design concepts for selection panel. Visiting artists will be in town on Thursday, May 27 to present their proposals.

6. Discussion and review of the Animal Shelter Project. Patricia Dalbin reported that the Animal Shelter was being considered for a public art project; that the building construction was completed three years ago; that the fly over area on Fort Bliss is not visible to the general public from roadway; that there is already an artistic element as aesthetic component included in the building. Images were provided for review. Mentioned that MCAD will not engage in project. General discussion about eliminating item from list of existing projects, and Committee agreed unanimously to do so.

7. Discussion of the installation of Rae Mahaffey's artwork at the El Paso Airport. Patricia Dalbin reported that artist is in town for two days installing glass panels at the Airport. Forty-five pieces will be installed in the holding area and food court. Patricia also mentioned an upcoming project for City Hall entryway improvements, which will eliminate wind tunnel effect in the lobby area on the first floor. The artists will be selected through panel selection process, and finalist will work with Carl Daniel Architects for project details and scope of work.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4p.m. Next meeting scheduled for June 29, 2010.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant