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Museums & Cultural Affairs

The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 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:** Katherine Brennand, Ken Gorski, Floyd Johnson, Martina Lorey, Michael Nash, Amy Parker, Anna Pilhoefer and Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson. **Members Absent:** None. **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Public Art Program Coordinator; Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant; and Trenda Rocha, Senior Office Assistant.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Ken Gorski moved to approve the minutes for July 29, 2008, as stated; Anna Pilhoefer seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passes unanimously.
5. **Recommendation of 1% of the Public Art funds for Glory Road Terminal.** Proposed design concept provided for review and consideration. Mentioned that PAC is not involved in design selection nor approval; PAC is only recommending that up to 1% of monies be allocated for project enhancement. Mentioned that UTEP is ultimately approving the final design for this project. Mentioned that Artist Mike Mandel is working directly with architect and UTEP. Ken Gorski motioned to approve that up to 1% of public art funds be allocated for this project; Michael Nash seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passes unanimously.
6. **Recommendation of Design for Municipal Services Center.** Proposed design concept and a maquette provided for review and consideration. Mentioned how artist Janet Lofquist considered both the surrounding earth and recyclables in our region for implementing her design concept into this project. Mentioned artist is already working with architect and Environmental Services at construction phase. Discussion about other materials used for bonding earth and recyclables; actual construction site of installation; and proper lighting. Also mentioned that MCAD will work with Environmental Services to integrate educational sessions around recyclables into the existing Arts Education curriculum. Anna Pilhoefer motioned to approve the design concept; Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passes unanimously.
7. **Recommendation of Design for Central Recreation Center (YMCA).** Proposed design concept and a maquette provided for review and consideration. Mentioned that historic designation for the existing building is still under research. Discussion about how this contemporary design will fit into a historic building and background setting. Committee recommended setting up a meeting with Artist Cesar Ivan to discuss researching historic value of building and surrounding area, and to discuss recreating a design that is more 'period appropriate.' Chair tabled the item until next month to allow for further discussion to take place with the artist.
8. **New/Old Business.**
 - There is a vacancy on the PAC. Recommendations should be submitted to MCAD for review and consideration.
 - Unveiling for Men of Company E project has been postponed. Still working to coordinate with Congressman Reyes and Senator Shapleigh to be in attendance.
 - Art Post project is cancelled. City is selling the building.

- I-10 project enhancement is underway. Pat Dalbin on TXDOT Planning Committee to help guide project to include Public Art on highways. National call for architects, engineers and artists with highway experience is currently open.
- Civic Center project under construction. Installation includes enhanced archways, sculptural elements, and programmable lighting system. Copy of Dark Sky Ordinance No. 15996 provided for review.
- Katherine Brennand mentioned possibilities for streamlining City policy and/or guidelines for implementing three recognition awards: Conquistador Award, Key to the City Award, and Lifetime Achievement (or Hall of Fame) Award.

9. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant