

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 13, 2014

Session 14-04 a Special Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order on May 13, 2014 at 5:04 pm by Vice Chair Michele Miller at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS APLIN, MILLER AND PERSONS

STAFF: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

The Committee held a worksession prior to the meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. The agenda items discussed were Strategic Plan, Budget Requests for 2015, and recruitment of new members.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES *(Minutes are approved during regular or special meetings only)*

A. Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 27, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented by consensus of the Committee.

VISITORS

A. Asia Freeman, Bunnell Art Gallery, Re: Sculpture Buoys and Barrels

Ms. Freeman did not appear before the Committee. Ms. Allen who presented on another subject was able to provide basic information on the artist and sculpture that Ms. Freeman was requesting a recommendation of support for the City of Homer to provide \$10,000 and placement in the End of the Road Park.

B. Brianna Allen, Old Town Development Coordinator, Sculptures for Bishop's Beach

Ms. Allen provided a presentation on two donations of artwork that will be placed in Bishop's Beach Park.

The first donation was brought forward in the fall of 2013 and supported by the Public Arts Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and City Council. This was also approved by the Public Works Director, Carey Meyer and Parks Coordinator Angie Otteson. Ms. Allen responded to questions regarding the installation, location within the park and who the artist was that was working on the piece. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the city.

The second donation is a partnership with The Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. They will provide the maintenance on a semi-monthly rotation in perpetuity. The artist will create the artwork out of marine debris. A part of the display will be a net that is intended to act as a debris receptacle that the public can use to deposit the debris picked up on the beach. The Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies will empty the net on a regular basis.

STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ AND BOROUGH REPORTS

A. HACA Report

Ms. Person and Ms. Miller both reported that they have not been attending the meetings. Ms. Person reported that the group has been focused on the Needs Assessment.

B. Staff Report

Ms. Krause provided a verbal report on the status of the artwork for the Freightdock Road/Spit Road intersection; 1% for Art for the New Harbormaster Office Request for Proposals, the zoning issues regarding placement of the proposed sculpture, Buoys & Barrels; there is no money in the budget for 2014 and upcoming projects that will offer 1% for Art Program opportunity.

PERSON/APLIN – MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW AUDIENCE COMMENTS AFTER STAFF REPORTS.

There was no discussion.

The motion to suspend the rules was approved by consensus.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Review and Updates to the Strategic Plan

Ms. Person provided a summary of the changes to the Strategic Plan that was discussed during the worksession. She stated she would make the changes, reformat and bring them back at the August regular meeting.

Changes to be made were restating the mission statement and values; grouping all goals/objectives under one heading of objectives or goals and dividing that into short term, mid-term and long term goals/objectives. Ms. Miller suggested another category as perpetual or ongoing goals.

So the following was recommended reclassifications of the goals:

#1 – Ongoing or perpetual

#2 – ongoing or perpetual

#3 – ongoing or perpetual

#4 – Mid Term Goal – 2 - 5 year

#5 – Short term

#6 – Short term

#7 – Remove

#8 – Mid Term

Add new short term to assess and plan

#9 – delete - completed

#10 – Reduce and define as Baycrest Hill Overlook Interpretive Signage – mid-term goal

#11 – Short term

Add – Simplifying the RFP process - breaking down into small and large projects to simplify for the artists.

This would be a mid-term goal.

Under Outreach - Strike all except the first item and that would become a short term goal

Under Opportunities – Grants – long term goal, signage mid-term goal, trails- long term goal and strike partnering and create old town as a model and make it a long term goal.

A brief discussion on the basis for reviewing and revising the RFP process resulted in recommendation to perform a review of the documents and tracked changes then submit to staff who can provide a okay or no and the reason why changes suggested could not be made. It was agreed that this was a mid-term project and would not be done this year. But Ms. Person and Ms. Miller have receive complaints that our process is the most cumbersome, confusing and has the most paperwork to wade through.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation to City Council on the Request to Partially Fund the Purchase of A Sculpture Created by Jarod Charzewski referenced as Buoy's and Barrels.

Vice Chair Miller requested a motion to discuss.

PERSON/APLIN – MOVED TO DISCUSS A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL ON PARTIALLY FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF A SCULPTURE CREATED BY JAROD CHARZEWSKI REFERENCED AS BUOYS AND BARRELS.

Discussion ensued on the construction artwork itself, size of the artwork, placement in the End of the Road Park which is a Flood zone, the public/private partnership possibility, and a funding source for the artwork. Question was brought up regarding using the funds from the Spit Trail Project for 1% for Art.

Chair Miller called for a vote, seeing none she requested a withdrawal of the motion.

Ms. Person withdrew her motion.

B. Recommendation to City Council on Acceptance and Placement of Donations of Art by Rachelle Dowdy, Fanciful Loon Windsock Sculpture in Bishop's Beach Park and Lynn Naden, Marine Debris Sculpture of A Silver Salmon Attached to the Windscreen of the Pavilion at Bishop's Beach Park.

1. Donation Application for Fanciful Loon Windsock Sculpture

The committee addressed each donation separately.

All paperwork was received timely.

PERSON/APLIN – MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ARTWORK DESCRIBED AS A FANCIFUL LOON WINDSOCK SCULPTURE BY ARTIST RACHELLE DOWDY INTO THE CITY OF HOMER MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION WITH PLACEMENT IN BISHOP'S BEACH PARK.

Discussion on the prior support expressed by the committee, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and City Council regarding the project and that this project was vetted by the Public Works Director and the Parks Maintenance Coordinator, a contract already executed by the Public Works Director Carey Meyer was duly noted. The city will install the sculpture and perform all future maintenance on the artwork.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

The Committee further agreed by consensus that the sculpture not be placed next to the boardwalk.

2. Donation Application for the Marine Debris Silver Salmon

PERSON/APLIN – MOVED TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE ARTWORK DESCRIBED AS MARINE DEBRIS SCULPTURE OF A SILVER SALMON BY HOMER ARTIST LYNN NADEN INTO THE CITY OF HOMER MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION WITH PLACEMENT ON THE WINDSCREEN OF THE PAVILION IN BISHOP'S BEACH PARK.

Discussion on placement on the windscreen would not aid in seeing the piece on approach but that it would be seen on the way back from the beach.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Review of the New Harbormaster Office Request for Proposal Documents and Recommendation of Members for the Selection Committee to be Established for the Project

Ms. Miller volunteered to represent the committee. Recommendations were made to invite a representative of the Marine Trades in particular Josiah Campbell with Bullet Proof Nets; Bryan Hawkins as Director of the Building, and one additional representative for the user group; Scott Bartlett, Pratt Museum or Marian Beck, for the artist position; Ms. Miller will invite Mr. Bartlett. A member of the Wooden Boat Society, Dave Seaman; and a member of the Port & Harbor Commission will be invited also.

D. Discussion on the Budget Request for FY2015 and Recommendation for Submission of a Mid-Year Budget Request for 2014

Chair Miller summarized the discussion during the worksession.

It was agreed by consensus to work on only one project, a new mural on the wall along Heath Street and Kachemak Wholesale. It can either be a one artist project or a community project lead by an artist. Ms. Person will draft the project budget and they will go over it at the August meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. Reappointment of Committee Member Michele Miller

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

The Committee agreed to accommodate the public and suspended the rules to allow audience comments after the Staff Report on the agenda.

Beth Cumming, city resident commented on signage needed for public access to trails and beaches.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Miller commented on the 2014 Individual Artist Awards, today, May 13, 2014 that she attended and 4 local Homer artists won grants as follows:

- Breezy Berryman, Project Grant, \$7500
- Michael Walsh, Individual Artist Grant (Fellow), \$18,000
- Yngvil Vatn Guttu, Individual Artist Grant (Fellow), \$18,000
- Mavis Muller, Individual Artist Grant (Fellow), \$18,000

Homer was very well represented. She will be at the next City Council meeting to bring this information to them. She also commented on the importance of recruitment due to the fact that they would not have been able to meet if she had missed her flight today.

There was a brief discussion on some suggested persons and places to look and ask for new members.

Ms. Person stated that she will have the updates and rewrite completed on the Strategic Plan and the draft Budget request. She is very excited about the sculptures and would like to review the catalog at the next meeting.

Ms. Aplin apologized for her tardiness and asked about changing the meeting time to 5:15 p.m. as she works until 5:00 and it sometimes difficult to leave right then.

Ms. Krause responded that the committee could address that change to the regular meeting schedule when the resolution is issued regarding the regular meeting schedule for everyone. She further stated that she will look into other requirements to changing the meeting time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee Vice Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m. **A WORKSESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 14, 2014** AT 5:00 P.M. at City Hall Conference Room Upstairs, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: 08/14/14