

Session 14-06 a Regular Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order on November 13, 2014 at 5:04 pm by Vice Chair Michele Miller at the Homer City Hall Upstairs Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

**PRESENT:** COMMITTEE MEMBERS MILLER, GRONING-PERSON, HOLLOWELL

**ABSENT:** COMMITTEE MEMBERS PETERSEN AND APLIN (EXCUSED)

**STAFF:** RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

The Committee met in a worksession from 4:00 p.m. until 4:55 p.m. Discussion on Purchasing Collection Software and a Mural and or Art Project was held.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Vice Chair Miller requested a motion to approve the agenda

HOLLOWELL/GRONING-PERSON – SO MOVED.

The amended 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 November 13, 2014

The minutes were approved by consensus of the Committee.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA**

There was no public present.

### **VISITORS**

A. Katie Koester, City of Homer Community & Economic Development Coordinator

Ms. Koester attended the worksession and a discussion was held on the availability of grant applications but that the submittal time was very short. She advised the committee on the process and recommended that the committee select their project, create the necessary partner involvements and taking the time to work up the project and applying next year.

The committee decided to take Ms. Koester's recommendations under advisement and will make a motion during the regular meeting to reflect the decision to wait until next year to apply for the grant.

### **STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ AND BOROUGH REPORTS**

A. HACA Report

Ms. Groning-Person reported that the group had a meeting last Tuesday with Mayor Wythe who approached the group regarding the community's need for a Public Safety Building and the process is continually being hijacked by the community's passionate need and support of the HERC building and she realizes that to move forward on the Public Safety project there has to be the beginning of a plan to develop and meet that need for arts and recreation which includes many organizations. A gym, meeting space, workshop space, a small theater is constantly mentioned. It is thought that the Needs Assessment will help with this too. Mayor Wythe approached Asia Freeman and the HACA organization requesting their assistance with spearheading a conversation or action on transitioning for a new facility so the loss

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of the HERC building will not be seen as a loss to the community. A letter was submitted to the Editor by Asia Freeman which was solution based was a start. Ms. Groning-Person reported that Mayor Wythe has stated before that you cannot hold onto the past and must talk about the future in order to effect change. The groups involved in HACA have been busy with their individual projects so HACA has not been meeting regularly.

B. Staff Report

Ms. Krause stated the report was in the packet. Chair Miller noted that they discussed the issue with Mooserun Metalsmiths.

HOLLOWELL/GRONING-PERSON - MOVED TO REQUEST PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HOMER AND MOOSERUN METALSMITHS REGARDING THE DESIGN CONCEPT OF A LARGE HALIBUT HOOK SCULPTURE FOR THE SPIT TRAIL 1% FOR ART PROJECT.

There was a brief discussion regarding the reason why the Committee wanted this information to be able to deflect and convey good will and respond to questions from the public.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Ms. Krause reported that Mr. Meyer will be working on getting an RFP issued for Interpretive Art on the Spit Trail for December-January.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no items for public hearing.

**PENDING BUSINESS**

A. Budget Requests 2015

Ms. Groning-Person inquired if she should make a motion to approve the Budget request as discussed in the worksession. Vice Chair Miller requested it to be itemized for the motion.

GRONING-PERSON/HOLLOWELL – MOVED TO SUBMIT THE 2015 BUDGET REQUEST TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

1. \$4000.00 TO HIRE A CONTRACTOR TO INVENTORY, IDENTIFY AND TAKE PHOTOS OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION
2. \$5,000.00 TO ISSUE AN RFP TO CREATE AND INSTALL A NEW MURAL ON THE HEATH STREET WALL AT KACHEMAK CENTER WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE ADVERTISING, SUPPLIES AND ARTIST LABOR
3. \$1,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL UNIFORM SIGNAGE FOR CITY PARKS
4. \$500.00 FOR PARTICIPATION IN MULTIPLE CITY EVENTS SUCH AS ARTRAGEOUS AUGUST, STREET FAIR, ETC. AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES.

There was a brief clarification and discussion on the duties of the contractor and that they would be supplied with a listing of the current art collection and provided with a list of public buildings that they were to visit and document all city owned artwork with information such as the date acquired, who the artist was, how much the city paid for the artwork or if donated, the medium or materials used to create the artwork, subject matter of the artwork, where in the public building it is located. Staff will develop and issue the RFP but will submit a scope of work for review by the committee.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

B. Agenda Calendar and Attendance at Council Meetings

Ms. Hollowell agreed to attend the November 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and Ms. Miller volunteered to attend the December 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

Staff noted that the council meetings listed are after the committee meetings. The committee members are welcome to attend every and council meeting to advocate for the committee.

There was a brief discussion on the efforts of the art community.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Memorandum from Community and Economic Development Coordinator re: Art Place & Our Town Grant Application

Vice Chair Miller summarized the discussion of the worksession noting that the committee agreed with Ms. Koester that it would be better to apply for the grant next year since there was not enough time this year to properly flesh out the application.

Vice Chair Miller requested this item to be on the February worksession/regular agendas.

B. Elections

Ms. Hollowell nominated Michele Miller as Chair and Adele Groning-Person as Vice Chair.

Ms. Miller and Ms. Groning-Person accepted the nomination.

C. Memorandum from City Clerk re: 2015 regular Meeting Schedule

GRONING-PERSON/HOLLOWELL – MOVED TO APPROVE TO 2015 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.

There was a brief discussion on members availability. Ms. Hollowell will not be attending the August meeting as she is out of town that month.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

A. Baycrest Overlook Gateway Project

Staff will try to contact Ms. Newby to get input on her contact with DOT on the project.

B. Proposed New Signage for Jack Gist Park

Staff gave a brief explanation on the proposed signage and that it wasn't approved outright by the Planning Commission they wanted to put hooks to hang event signs. It was noted that would be going against their own sign code, Staff noted that DOT will still have to approve, so it will be continued.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was no audience present to comment.

**COMMENTS OF THE STAFF**

Ms. Krause stated it was a good meeting they covered a lot in a short time.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Chair Miller stated that she really likes holding a 4:00 p.m. worksession before the regular meeting as it allows them to get through everything quickly. She thanked the committee for a fast meeting. On the agenda will be the grant application and if the Budget was approved the RFP for the cataloguing.

Vice Chair Groning-Person stated it would be good to revisit the strategic plan for deciding a course of action. She also requested clarification on emailing etiquette.

Ms. Krause provided guidance on emailing the committee as a whole.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m. **A WORKSESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2015 AT 5:00 P.M.** at City Hall Conference Room Upstairs, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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Renee Krause, CMC, Deputy City Clerk I

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