

Session 11-03 A Special Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 5:05 P.M. on June 10, 2011 by Chair Angie Newby in Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEEMEMBERS NEWBY, FELLOWS, APLIN, AND WOLFE

ABSENT: COMMITTEEMEMBER MILLER

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Newby noted that items not on the agenda would not be allowed so to hold until the members comments at the end of the meeting and requested a motion to approve the agenda.

WOLFE/APLIN – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Minutes are only approved during regular meeting.)

Chair Newby noted that this is a special meeting so there were no minutes for approval.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Staff Report dated June 1, 2011

Ms. Krause summarized her staff report and noted that the project manager and contractor have stated that the project is ahead of schedule. She noted the departments that have relocated to the old middle school building. She further noted that Rick Abboud, City Planner was nominated/appointed to the selection committee and the contractor, Todd Steiner will fill the position on the selection committee under the "design team member" position. A brief discussion on the members of the task force really supporting the concept of an outdoor, visual 1% of the art that can be enjoyed by all members of the public.

Ms. Krause further explained that the area that was mentioned would be central and viewed by a majority of the public visiting the City Hall. The Committee held a discussion on the meaning and effect of the intent to

donate artistic architectural element for the project by Ms. Wythe. The committee was concerned that even as a donation she must follow the guidelines recently established regarding making donations.

The Task Force recommended that the Committee members consider nominating the person to fill the Artist role on the selection committee. It was even suggested that another member of the Public Arts Committee fill that position. It was noted that Ms. Wolfe would do that but she did have a few people in mind that she will approach. It was clarified that the Public Arts Committee person would not be the chair of the Selection Committee. It was discussed at depth that it was not the intent of the PAC to have any influence over the selection but would be a member only of the selection committee. However, if no other artist would like to sit as a member of the selection committee Ms. Wolfe will perform that task. In the interim, Ms. Wolfe will inquire about interest to serve on the committee. Ms. Krause confirmed the selection committee members at this time consisted of Rick Abboud, Walt Wrede, Todd Steiner, and Michele Miller. Ms. Wolfe will try to find someone available to serve July through January, February.

Discussion developed on the period for the implementation of the 1% of the Art Program, to include the actual budget, the concept, advertisement, review, selection and recommendation of the concept and/or piece.

Ms. Krause described briefly the changes and possible location for the central piece or public art ensued along with the ideas for the new landscaping, rain garden, etc. The Committee was adamant that the new piece, if chosen for exterior placement was determined, was not to be tucked away in a corner. The possible schedule for the meetings of the Selection Committee to draft the Request for Proposal advertisement, allowing the appropriate timeframe for submittals, review, and decisions plus then approval by council. Installation would be next April or May.

There was no further discussion.

Ms. Krause explained that she is at a standstill with the Walking Art brochure. She explained that she requires the exact locations that the public art is located around the city, a little history on the art itself and she requires the mapping ability or even just having a free hand drawing of the City streets. It was noted by Chair Newby that most of the artwork was on Pioneer, the Homer Spit, the Sterling Highway, and the Airport, etc. It was noted that if it is done "right" it might be a revenue producer. It was agreed that this could be readdressed in September or later in the year.

Discussion on the benches installed in front of the mural, and public works, and adding the old machine that is down by Public Works to the collection. Ms. Wolfe commented that the bench installed at the entrance to Public Works has only been installed a short time and has been damaged.

Ms. Fellows expressed concern over the removal and packing of existing artwork in the departments that are being renovated.

Discussion ensued on the opportunity of creating a committee to address placement and cataloguing the existing artwork to include getting better pictures for a catalogue. Ms. Krause explained that the Administration department was currently in the progress of relocating to the intermediate school. It was questioned where and how the artwork was going to be transported and if it could be made accessible to take pictures for the collection. Ms. Aplin commented on the gargantuan task that would be to accomplish. Ms. Wolfe noted that there was a difference between documentation, such as pictures of the harbor, past councils, etc. and paintings or sculptures, etc.

Further discussion on the purpose of the municipal catalogue and the pictures that have been taken in the past, it was questioned if they had enough monies in the budget to pay a photographer to come in and take pictures. Comments by the committee were related to a preference to expend funds on a banner over a photographer were noted.

Chair Newby agreed with the suggestion of taking pictures and put them on a CD suggested by Ms. Aplin. She believed the intent of the catalogue was just to have a record of items and that would suffice. There have been a number of years since pictures have been taken and Ms. Krause noted that the pictures they currently

have on file are unsuitable for print reproduction and it was noted that several items have not been catalogue. The committee members entertained continuing discussion on the following:

- intent of the book or compilation of the municipal art catalogue
- who is packing up the art in each department
- placement of artwork upon completion of the renovations and expansion
- what is considered quality artwork and personal or documentation
- the responsibility of cataloguing the existing collection belongs to the Public Art Committee
- the selection committee's task is limited to selecting and making a recommendation to Council on artwork selected to fulfill the 1% for the Arts Program.
- recommend staff submit a memorandum to the City Manager requesting user departments consider placement of existing artwork to enhance the piece, prominent display of important pieces in public spaces. The Chair will meet with staff to compose the memorandum.
- there will be more public viewable spaces for display of city owned artwork and this could be addressed in the fall or closer to completion of the project. Staff will obtain a project schedule and/or timeline.

Ms. Krause then addressed that budget time is coming up and cited the advancements of the Parks & Recreation, which is getting a lot of attention from the Council. Therefore, she wanted to have the committee keep the momentum going since they did have two successes.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Gateways

1. Baycrest Hill Rest Area – Status Update

This is on the back burner for consideration, due to no funding at this time. Therefore, they can address it next year depending on the various impacts, departments, etc., involved.

There was no further discussion.

2. Ferry Terminal – Status Update

There is nothing more at this time so they can postpone this to later date at this time.

There was no further discussion.

B. Document, Exhibit B for Administrative Guidelines, "Special Considerations for Art in Public Spaces"

Chair Newby introduced the item by stating Ms. Krause created this draft based on other documents and research noting the increasing matter of urgency that was surrounding the requirement that this document is included when a request for proposals is issued.

Chair Newby requested a motion to approve.

WOLFE/APLIN – MOVED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ART IN PUBLIC SPACES DOCUMENT.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Art Walk Brochure

This item was covered under the staff report. There was no further discussion by the committee.

B. Municipal Art Catalog

This item was covered under the staff report. There was no further discussion or comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Strategic Plan 2011

Staff commented that this document would be included in the packet as a reference and reminder. The committee will be participating in the street faire. Staff noted that the application has been obtained and she can submit a check request next week. Chair Newby will stop by to sign the application.

A discussion on purchasing a banner for use during the Homer Street Faire and 4th of July. It was determined it would be a good expenditure of funds. The visual stimulation and educating the public on the purpose of the Committee and the value to the community that public art gives back.

Ms. Newby, Ms. Wolfe and Ms. Fellows will split up the time working the Street Faire.

The date is July 16, 2011.

There were no further comments.

B. Airport Dedication February 17, 2011

C. March ASCA eNewsletter

D. May ASCA eNewsletter

There were no additional comments or discussion on informational items.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is assigned)*

None.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Krause had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Newby stated that Tom Reed is back in town and he is willing to do a small dedication for the wall at no charge. She will contact him about this if it was agreeable by the committee. There was no dissent voiced. The new owners of the old Smokey Bay Natural Foods building has the sign and if anyone is interested in this piece of art can contact the new owners. They had contacted the artist but he was not willing to change the

sign. The next item she commented on was the mural or wall at the Homer High School, there is a huge retaining wall toward the left. She would like to consider this wall when thinking about public art.

Chair Newby inquired if anyone would be available for a special meeting in July to sort of catch up on some things. There was misinformation in meeting time to 5:00 p.m. today. Questions were posed on if there work to be done in July compared to in August they have the budget. There will be a worksession prior to the next regular meeting at 4:00 p.m.

She will also draft letter to Councilperson Wythe, City Manager Wrede and Public Works for the benches but also a subtle reminder on the shrubbery.

Chair Newby inquired if the Committee was agreeable to allocate up to \$150.00 for a banner. A brief discussion what the banner would say, such as Public Art Matters or Public Art Rocks occurred. This banner would be direct marketing, visible, and out there. Mrs. Wolfe will contact Printworks and work on the design.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Fellows commented that the tanks at Petro on the Spit could be painted. It would be a good school project. She is very worried about the art in City Hall and having it just packed away without taking the necessary care.

Ms. Aplin stated it is so exciting and thanked Ms. Krause for all her hard work. She asked if there was an existing policy on how public art would be added to City Hall. She commented on the policies put into place when they moved into their new building so it is not cluttered up. She can bring the policies they have for review at the next meeting.

The committee members were very interested in that idea and encouraged adding this to the August agenda. This would be a great opportunity to implement a new policy.

Ms. Wolfe commented that the wall at the school was another showing of how art affects our life similar to the walls at the Aloha Drive-In. She thanked everyone for hanging in there it has been a long spring.

A brief discussion ensued on the date of the last regular meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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