

Session 12-02 A Special Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 5:15 P.M. on April 2, 2012 by Chair Angie Newby in Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

**PRESENT:** COMMITTEEMEMBERS FELLOWS, APLIN, MILLER, NEWBY AND WOLFE

**STAFF:** DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

The Public Arts Committee met in a Worksession prior to the Special meeting. They discussed the regular agenda items. Committee member Miller was not present for the Worksession but did attend the Special Meeting.

The members of the committee took a brief tour of City Hall to view the artwork that Committee member Wolfe hung with assistance from Staff member Renee Krause.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved by consensus of the committee.

### **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.)*

There were no minutes for approval.

### **VISITORS**

There were no visitors scheduled.

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

A. Staff Report 12-02 dated March 29, 2012

Chair Newby opened discussion on the staff report and inquired about further information on the Teleconference with NEA.

Ms. Krause noted that the Baycrest project may qualify for the \$10,000.00 one to one match grant. Ms. Miller and Ms. Newby will try to attend. Ms. Miller will RSVP in the morning.

There was a brief discussion on holding an Open House for the City Hall. Ms. Krause will check with City Staff to see when would be the best time. It may be as late as June for this event. There was a brief discussion that the renovated city hall is more for residents than visitors this time. Residents are the prime audience. Ms. Aplin and Ms. Wolfe stated that this was important enough not to piggy back on another event. It was acknowledged that this was to be coordinated with all departments, advertised and marketed in advance. It was recommended that this be held on May 18, 2012, Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Staff will check with Administration to make sure this would be okay.

Chair Newby noted that her report to City Council was included in the packet. She summarized the report for the committee members.

There was no further discussion.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no items for public hearing.

### **PENDING BUSINESS**

- A. Gateways Project – Baycrest Hill Status Update
  - 1. Emails Regarding the project

Chair Newby introduced the item for discussion. She noted the series of emails included in the packet. She commented on the interest from Representative Seaton's office and that is very promising to have his support of this project.

Ms. Aplin provided a brief report on the progress of the project and explained the current roadblock that they are encountering with funding. She provided the members of the sub-committee were in attendance at the last meeting on February 24, 2012. These are Monte Davis, Chamber of Commerce; Joe Meehan, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Division of Wildlife Conservation; Chris Post, Department of Transportation; Terry Thompson, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve; a ranger (name not provided) representing Joel Hard, Lake Clark National Park and Preserve and Rijil Christianson, The Pratt Museum. The committee requires \$3000 more to complete the interpretive site plan before they can proceed to the next phase. Mr. Meehan has found \$3000 to contribute. No other partners are able to come up with the remaining funds needed to get this project started at this time. The sub-committee approved a motion to submit a request for funding from the City of Homer.

APLIN/MILLER – MOVED TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$3000 TO COMPLETE THE INTERPRETIVE SITE PLAN FOR THE BAYCREST OVERLOOK GATEWAYS PROJECT.

Ms. Aplin explained that this site plan is required for the project and none of the other partners can fund that amount this year. She also noted that they recently have new members the Kachemak Land Trust and the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTIONS. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Chair Newby commented that the subcommittee members have exhausted all of the possibilities for funding and maybe later on in the project there will be additional opportunities to find funding from outside sources.

There was no further discussion.

- B. Status Update on the Artwork Display

Chair Newby introduced the item for discussion.

Ms. Wolfe commented on the process and that the results have been very satisfying. She noted for the record that 95% of the artwork owned by the city is sister city related and there is a lack

of Homer or Alaskan artwork. She further commented on research into the Photographic Diorama by Alan Parks was not given to the City of Homer it has been "on loan". The photos are only proofs and she will be working with Mr. Parks on this project. He will be submitting a proposal on what is required, timeline and cost. Mr. Parks approved of the location along the downstairs hallway which is a high traffic area. There is also an acetate overlay with the signatures of many that were in the photos.

Chair Newby noted that they will then have to submit another request to City Council for funding.

Alan Parks noted that this was a 100 year picture which has been in the Council Chambers for 15 years. So this is historical also.

Committee members thanked Ms. Wolfe for her time and discretion in handling this matter.

Next the committee addressed the status update on the Airport Welcome to Homer letters. Ms. Fellows reported that Sherman who did the letters for Islands & Ocean and he wanted \$150.00 - \$175 per letter depending on the metal chosen. Bay Welding does not do this type of work; the business recommended in Sterling is not open yet; Ms. Fellows will look into the costs for painting letters. Painting the letters in place should be a viable option. Ms. Krause noted that she has sent requests for price quotes to three companies listed online and has not received responses yet. She should have an update at the next meeting. Ms. Krause stated that the Procurement Policy must be followed and there were questions regarding security issues. City Manager Wrede is the acting Airport Manager. Ms. Krause noted that Mike Riley could be contacted for information on access. Chair Newby added that all quotes should be in writing and submitted to Ms. Krause at the Clerk's Office.

Chair Newby commented that it would be nice to have this completed before the summer season ends this year.

There was a brief discussion on color selection of the letters and it was recommended that a bright color and anything but brown would be good.

There was no further discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Budget 2012 – Amendments**

Chair Newby introduced the item for discussion.

Ms. Krause added this item to the agenda since discovered that in reviewing the budget for Public Arts Committee Council approved \$5000 instead of \$4000. She wanted to give the Committee the opportunity to amend the budget line items.

The committee agreed by consensus to leave the money for now as a surplus and once they have some costs back for the letters and the photos they can make adjustments then.

#### **B. Review and Approve Recommendations for Rack Card Design and Production**

Chair Newby introduced the item for discussion and acknowledged that hard efforts of the staff.

A discussion ensued on the benefits to online versus local, ready artwork of adequate quality, free services for first time orders, a la carte for maps, etc. Prices do not seem out of range from Printworks and the question is that there is an additional cost for non-camera ready work, map also. Staff stated that she

could have mock ups ready for view at the next meeting for approval and will contact local services.

Additional comments were noted that inclusion of artwork outside of City Hall and quantity decided on for first printing was 1500.

C. Letter Received Re: Placement of City Owned Artwork in City Hall

Chair Newby introduced the item and commented that they discussed this letter during the artwork placement. Ms. Krause explained that this letter went directly to council and the City Manager stated that he had forwarded the letter to the committee to be addressed.

Chair Newby offered to respond to the letter and will address her response to council acknowledging the personal/public work space, the fact that 95% of the City's collection is Sister City related and the difficulties surrounding the emotional issues involved in artwork.

The committee discussed the possibility of negative comments by the public on the sister city artwork and felt that likely there were questions regarding the choice of Japanese art instead of Homer/Alaskan influenced art. The committee opined that this would have been an opening and used as an information or teaching opportunity on the Sister City program that the City is involved in and that during the hanging process department personnel were assured that this was a temporary placement until something more representative of Homer could be found.

Ms. Wolfe did note that she has shown the two pieces that were going to be donated and recommended as possible replacements for the main upstairs reception area and Ms. Swisher approved of either piece as appropriate.

There was no further discussion.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Alaska Council on the Arts NES Challenge America Fat Track Grant Opportunity – An Opportunity for \$10,000 One to One Match
- B. February 2012 ASCA Communique

There was no discussion on the informational materials.

**COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

There was no audience present.

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

There was no council member present.

**COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

Ms. Krause stated that it was a good meeting and the committee has done a great job.

**COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Newby really appreciates all the efforts on all these projects and thanked Ms. Wolfe for the time and efforts in the hanging the artwork. They did not realize all that would be involved.

**COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Wolfe responded to Ms. Fellows question regarding the Mural on Heath Street that she will be contacting Jean since she was the original coordinator and has been involved in previous re-touchups. She has the original children who now have children of their own and it would be a great project to have those same participants. Ms. Fellows volunteered to assist Ms. Wolfe in the project.

Ms. Wolfe informed the committee about the new mural at Paul Banks Elementary and it will be unveiled on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>. This project had full support of the faculty and parents.

Ms. Aplin thanked Ms. Wolfe and Ms. Krause for all their work.

Ms. Miller and Ms. Fellows had no additional comments.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. A worksession is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

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RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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