

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015

Session 15-02 a Special Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order on April 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm by Chair Michele Miller at the Homer City Hall Upstairs Conference Room located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS MILLER, PERSON AND PETERSEN

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS APLIN AND HOLLOWELL (EXCUSED)

STAFF: RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

The Committee met in a worksession from 4:00 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. The Committee members discussed with City Manager Koester a suitable project that would fit the ArtPlace and Our Town Grant Programs and partnering with other city commissions and organizations.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Miller requested a motion to approve the agenda

PERSON/PETERSEN – MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PERSENTED.

There was no discussion.

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 12, 2015.

Chair Miller requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

PETERSEN/PERSON – MOVED TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE MINUTES.

There was no discussion.

The minutes were approved by consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There was no public present.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled for this meeting.

STAFF & COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS/ AND BOROUGH REPORTS

A. Staff Report 15-02

Ms. Krause asked if everyone responded to HB 160, she noted that she will follow the progress on this bill and asked to be added to an email list.

She reviewed the signage issues with replacing the sign at Jack Gist Park along East End Road but the Department of Transportation will not permit any sign other than regulatory in their right of way.

Staff used the funding Council provided to have signs made for End of the Road Park and WKFL Park

Committee member Person commented that it would be better if this was funded by Parks and Rec since it is not really part of the arts purview but Chair Miller appreciated the awareness it brought to the

Committee and when she presented the budget request in priority order Council chose to fund the items they wanted.

There was a brief discussion on the Interpretive Signage Project and where that stood.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Art Place and NEA Our Town Grant Opportunities (Postponed from the February 12, 2015)

1. Baycrest Overlook Gateway Project
 - a. Baycrest Overlook Improvement Plan

Chair Miller read the title into the record and requested

Committee member Person motioned to continue the discussion at the May 14, 2015 regular meeting and they will focus on the Pioneer Avenue Central Business District Revitalization Project as the Art Based Project to seek Grant Funding and provide much need love and attention.

Committee member Petersen seconded her motion.

The motion was passed by consensus of the Committee.

Committee member Person requested a note in the minutes on the items discussed during the worksession:

- Soldotna Storefront Improvement Program
- Dead Buildings
- Trail Connections
- Storefront Facelifts
- Murals
- Seattle Building Project

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Executive Session Pursuant to as §44.62.310(c)(2&3), Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion and matters, which by law, municipal charter, or ordinances are required to be confidential. (Review and Evaluation of Submitted Proposals)

PERSON/PETERSON – MOVED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF SUBMITTED PROPOSALS.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. MILLER. PERSON. PETERSEN

Motion carried.

Chair Miller announced the committee will adjourn to executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Chair Miller reconvened the committee at 5:52 p.m.

PERSON/PETERSEN – MOVED TO HAVE STAFF OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SELECT PROPOSERS AND CONTINUE DELIBERATION AT THE MAY 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. PERSON, PETERSEN, MILLER

Motion carried.

B. Recommendation to Award the Contract to Create a Municipal Art Baseline Inventory

Postponed until the May 14, 2015 meeting.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

A. 2015 Annual Calendar

Chair Miller requested staff to add visitors, Denise Pitzman to the May agenda

B. ASCA Newsletter for April 2015

Committee requested not to include the ASCA Newsletter in the packet since the members all received it via email.

C. Parks, Art, Recreation and Culture Needs Assessment

Ms. Krause apologized for the lengthy document but felt that the committee should be aware of the findings in the assessment. Committee members stated that it was nice to have this document for review.

D. 2015 Committee Attendance at Council Meetings

Mr. Petersen will attend the April 27, 2015 meeting.

Chair Miller will attend the May 26, 2015 meeting.

Chair Miller stated that they will try to attend meetings when there is something to report as she felt it unnecessary to waste Council time.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present to comment.

COMMENTS OF THE STAFF

Ms. Krause had no comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Committee member Petersen commented on the review of the proposals received and staff use of the matrix makes it very easy.

Committee member Person was excited about the possibility of getting an ArtPlace grant and the developing the partnerships with art and community and making Pioneer more beautiful as it is so ugly right now.

Chair Miller had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. **A WORKSESSION IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:00 P.M. PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015** 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: _____