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MEMORANDUM 10-72

TO: MAYOR HORNADAY AND CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: CITY MANAGER WREDE *W. Wheel*
FROM: PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
CC: ROBERT PAINTER, FIRE CHIEF
MEG CICCARELLA, KPB FIREWISE PROGRAM
DATE: APRIL 29, 2010
RE: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ART DONATION AND INSTALLATION

Background:

A request to donate a ceramic tile sculpture representing the winning poster submitted by Homer 5th grader Maggie LaRue was received from the Kenai Peninsula Borough FireWise Program. The ceramic tiles were being created by Kenai Peninsula College art students for a class project.

Careful considerations from the Homer Police Department, City of Homer Planning Department, the Homer Volunteer Fire Department determined the best location would be to have the ceramic tiles mounted to a substrate material and affixed to the front of the fire house building between the large overhead doors.

The Public Arts Committee reviewed the information submitted during their worksessions held on March 25, 2010 and April 15, 2010 and the Special Meeting held on April 15, 2010. The minutes of the Special Meeting are attached for reference.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Arts Committee recommends City Council approve and accept the donation of the Ceramic Tile Artwork representing the winning poster for the FireWise Program incorporating it into the Municipal Artwork Collection. It is further recommended to include the regular maintenance requirements of the sculpture into the existing budgets.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Staff was directed to include the \$1000 maintenance fee as a stipulation to accept the donation to the city.

B. Request for Public Art Installation

Chair Newby introduced the request from the FireWise Program through the Kenai Peninsula Borough to place a ceramic sculpture piece on the fire hall, therefore becoming a donation to the city and will be a permanent piece of the building. She requested a motion for acceptance.

WOLFE/MILLER - MOVED THAT THE CITY ACCEPT THE PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE FROM THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH FIREWISE PROGRAM CREATED BY THE STUDENTS ATTENDING KENAI PENINSULA COLLEGE ART CLASSES, THAT WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE FIREHOUSE AND DUE TO THE STABILITY OF PROJECT AND THE MINIMAL MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE THAT NO MAINTENANCE FEES BE REQUIRED FROM THE BOROUGH, THE FIREWISE PROGRAM OR THE COLLEGE AND THAT THE FUTURE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS BE INCORPORATED INTO THE REGULAR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE OF THE FIREHALL BUILDING BY CITY PERSONNEL.

Vice Chair stated that Chief Painter might want to contact the borough to see if there may be funds available for maintenance.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

C. Administrative Guidelines Update and Revisions

Chair Newby commented that the next worksession would be devoted to review and discussion of the strategic plan she recommended taking these updates and do them too. She expressed thanks for the hard work performed by Mrs. Krause in the research and drafting of these documents. She requested the committee members to take the time to review the proposed draft documents that are included for review and to be prepared so some action can be taken at the next regular meeting.

Ms. Aplin commented on the form for accepting donations being very concise and clarified what is required before donating artwork.

Ms. Miller requested that the form be approved at this meeting since it was on the agenda.

MILLER/WOLFE - MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL ART COLLECTION GIFT PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM AND FORWARD TO CITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

It was noted that once submitted and approved by council they could start using the form immediately. The members commented that it would have answered so many questions if they had this form before.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS