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Museums & Cultural Affairs
The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, October 08, 2019, 3:30 PM
MCAD Board Room

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1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Sarelah Aguilar, Jesus E. Carrillo, Cathy Chen, Emmanuel Iglesias, Laura Jaquez, Edgar Lopez, and Adam Marshall.

Members Absent: Lloyd Hamilton III.

Others Present: Miriam Garcia, Adrian Guzman, Luz Ibarra and Josue Muñoz.

3. Public Comment. None.

4. Approval of Minutes. Emmanuel Iglesias requested a motion to approve the October 08, 2019 minutes. Laura Jaquez seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and action on changes to final design for Montana RTS Airport Station. Adrian Guzman presented an overview of George Bates project Montana RTS Airport Station. The Montana Rapid Transit System Brio corridor will travel from Far East Montana to Five Points. The artist will have two projects with the Sun Metro Brio. One will be the shelters along Montana Avenue, which will include 24 individual panels. The second one will be two pieces that will be placed at the El Paso International Airport, one piece will be 9ft tall and the other one 12ft 9in tall. Mr. Guzman explained that the color blue for the two pieces had been approved by the Public Art Committee on a previous meeting. The artist George Bates, El Paso International Airport and Sun Metro staff would like to change one of the pieces to the color purple, since the El Paso International Airport logo is purple, making it more cohesive to the airport. The standing figure will be purple, leaving the sitting figure to blue. Adam Marshall inquired about the distance of the two pieces, Mr. Guzman replied that both figures will be in the front of the airport but not next to each other. On the left, it will be the sitting piece with a concrete bench (blue). On the right, the standing piece will be positioned in a landscape area (purple). Both will be lit from the bottom with spotlights. Jesus Carrillo questioned about the material on the two pieces, Mr. Guzman replied to him that the material being used is Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic. Adam Marshall made a motion to approve the changes to the final design for Montana RTS Airport Station. Emmanuel Iglesias Seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

6. Update on requested modifications on termination treatment of fiber optics for Alameda Recreation Center/Library. Adrian Guzman provided a background of the discussions on previous meetings regarding this project. The artist, Osman Akan, is fabricating 5 forms using acrylic rings with a combination of chrome steel and fiber optic wires to connect them and create forms. The forms will be placed inside a lobby intended to connect the Recreation Center and the Library. The design will be suspended from the ceiling and will be seen from outside of the building to invite community inside. The committee previously made the following recommendations: 1. There is a platform for the lighting equipment with an access point for the light box 2. There needs to be a fabrication of the connection plate for the roof structure 3. The bottom and top plates must be terminated with a stainless steel plate 4. The fabrication adheres to the biomorphic design and there is no slack from the fiber optics, wires should not be loose or curvy 5. Lastly, fibers need to be concealed at the bottom plate. Mr. Guzman showed the modification proposed by the artist based on committee recommendations. Horizontal sections of the forms are made of laser cut acrylic and optical fibers will be threaded through the horizontal sections and return back to the top of the forms where they will attach to light boxes. Each form will have a top plate matching the top acrylic curve in shape, the stainless wires will be attached to this plate and the plates will then be attached to the ceiling. Such install makes a clean look as well as a reduced possibility of spin while providing ease of attachment to the ceiling. Osman Akan is seeking approval of the PAC committee to use treatment on the ends with tips, fiber end termination at the lowest rings.

Stainless steel collars will be attached to the end of each fiber. Each point of light will contribute to the lighting of the area as a lighting element. Committee discussed. Edgar Lopez made a motion to approve the termination treatment of fiber optics for Alameda Recreation Center/Library. Cathy Chen Seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on requested modifications on final design and lighting plan for Eastside Regional Park Archway. Miriam Garcia provided a background of the discussions on the previous meeting regarding this project. The committee previously made the following recommendations: 1. Remove arrows at the ends of pipes and replace with a more organic/softer shape 2. Change the font and size of lettering to more aesthetically pleasing and prominent 3. Create a model of the piece with lighting and show how the piece will look at night 4. Ensure the metal finish is satin 5. Lastly, provide a final design with locations of all cutouts, number pieces, and lighting plan. Ms. Garcia showed a picture of the modifications proposed by the artist Mark Grieve based on committee recommendations. The arrows at the ends of pipes will be facing in instead of facing out. The title will be in a different font and it will be 30ft long with 16 inch letters. The artist will include 18 individual fixtures on the title, 2 fixtures per suggested location, one pointing either right or left and the other pointing upward. Columns will be made of brush and polished stainless steel with a satin finish. Committee discussed. Laura Jaquez made a motion to approve the modifications on final design and lighting plan for Eastside Regional Park Archway with the request to create an acrylic light box to emphasize lighting on letters so it won't compete with the background lighting. Adam Marshall Seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment. Emmanuel Iglesias motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sarelah Aguilar seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:21pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 12, 2019.

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