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**Museums & Cultural Affairs
The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 3:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

MINUTES

CITY CLERK DEPT
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1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 3:34 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Jesus E. Carrillo, Laura Jaquez, Edgar Lopez, Adam Marshall, Alejandro Mireles, Josue Munoz and Ivan Nino.

Members Absent: Cathy Chen and Daniel Szwaczkowski

Others Present: Ben Fyffe, Miriam Garcia, Adrian Guzman, and Diana Cepeda

3. Public Comment. None.

4. Approval of Minutes. Adam Marshall requested a motion to approve the September 13, 2020 minutes. Jesus E. Carrillo seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action on modifications of lighting plan final design for Eastside Regional Park Archway. Miriam Garcia addressed the Committee to introduce the artists, Mark Grieve and Ilana Spector addressed the Committee and presented modifications to the project for the third time for approval. Mr. Grieve presented a lighting plan and added that after building the piece the artists felt that the piece was not going to satisfy the criteria of the job. He added that the original proposal was done by Mike Holly and that Mr. Holly didn't understand the full parameters of the piece. Mr. Grieve later learned that Mr. Holly was not a lighting designer and that they believe installing all the proposed lighting fixtures would take away from the piece aesthetically. Mr. Grieve added that Mr. Holly's proposal had up lighting shining into the same elements that are hanging from the piece and would exaggerate all the connections to the piece and the fixtures that would be hanging on it. Mr. Grieve explained that Mr. Holly performed temporary and indoor lighting installations. Mr. Grieve said that after making the piece he grinded it in such a way it will pick up the light in a dynamic way. Mr. Grieve explained that he conducted a research in the market for products with a better warranty. He added that they contacted local company, Synergy which has worked on other City's projects. Synergy staff recommended to wait until the piece was completed and utilize a TLH high output RGBW tape lights and a tube lighting. Mr. Grieve added that during installation, while on the lift he noticed the piece is very visible from backyards of neighboring homes. The artists felt there is a better solution for the lighting needs and not to create a casino-looking piece. The artists proposed a light bar that runs on the entire piece, that wouldn't be seen and distract from the piece. Ilana Spector mentioned that the proposed amount of lumens that will be shining directly at the artwork are higher than the previous lighting plan. Ilana stated that the proposed modifications are easier to maintain and is a more elegant solution. Ms. Garcia showed the specs for the proposed LED flood lights for each of the columns which will have a warm white color. Ilana stated that the cost of lighting will be higher than the original proposal. Mr. Carrillo requested to see the qualifications of Synergy and lighting design photo metrics of the installation. Ms. Garcia stated that the main concern is the image that will be produced at night and for that reason extra funds were provided. She mentioned City Manager's expectations for this project are the same as any other project in the City. She recommended to work with their current lighting vendor. Mr. Carrillo asked if this is a budget issue and Ilana declined. Ilana described the placement of the proposed lighting per Josue Munoz's request. Artists left the meeting. Mr. Marshall asked staff for their recommendation and staff said they do not recommend the approval for the modifications. Ms. Garcia said that staff talked to the vendor and the vendor is not happy with the proposed changes. She added that the vendor had other suggestions but the artists did not agree to the new suggestions because of budget concerns. Mr. Marshall requested a good representation of the technology since it seems the artists are not familiar with different lighting options. Ms. Garcia stated that \$27,000 was added to the lighting budget for this piece. Alejandro Mireles and Mr. Marshall suggested for staff to provide recommendation of a professional that can assist the artists with the completion of the piece. Ms. Garcia explained the piece is already installed and any changes have to be approved by the Committee. Ms. Garcia went over some of the details of the original proposal. Ivan

Nino requested a motion not to approve the proposed modifications. The Committee requested the following: a more detailed presentation of the project and a professional representation of the technology being used, MCAD staff to assist with the completion of the piece, a better representation of the lighting such as site mock ups, detailed cost versus budget, provide specific information of previous works for the vendor. Jesus Carrillo seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion fails unanimously.

6. Update on requested modifications to final design for Children's Museum Umbrella Canopy Project. Mr. Guzman went over some of the details of the presentation that was approved at September's meeting and showed some renderings and pictures. Mr. Guzman explained the Committee approved the overall design of the canopy with exception of the materiality of the overall structure. They proposed a painted stainless steel for the canopy and the columns. The Committee has concerns about durability. The artists provided a memorandum that states that they will be moving to exposed stainless steel for both. Another concern was the design of the "vortex" which is intended to be activated by the wind, the Committee requested a mock-up and the artists agree to come back and present a video of a mock up. The third concern was the bird nesting issue, the Committee recommended the artists reach out to other local entities that have controlled this issue. The artists will reach out to UTEP and have a meeting scheduled, they will return to PAC for an update on nesting solutions.

9. Adjournment. Laura Jaquez motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jesus E. Carrillo seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 10, 2020.

Approved for content by:
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