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The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC) Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 3:30 PM MCAD Board Room

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 3:48 pm.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Elvira Carrizal-Dukes, Edmund Castle, Lloyd C Hamilton III, Emmanuel Iglesias, Adam Marshall, Gregory McNicol, Josue Munoz, and Abel Saucedo.

Members Absent: Derek Caulfield, Laura Turon and Stefanie Block Uribarri.

Others Present: Aldee Cosme, Miriam Garcia, Adrian Guzman and Diana Cepeda

3. Public Comment. None

4. Approval of Minutes. Elvira Carrizal-Dukes requested a motion to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes. Gregory McNicol moved to approve. Edmund Castle seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action on selecting Michael Stutz for Bartlett Park Project. Aldee Cosme explained an artist selection panel was created for the project. The member representing the Public Art Committee (PAC) on the panel was Josue Munoz. Mr. Munoz shared Mr. Stutz graduated from the University of Tennessee and he currently has art pieces in different cities in the United States. Mr. Munoz showed some of Mr. Stutz art pieces and said he has a unique style. The artist lives in Southern California and he started using cardboard as a material for his works. He uses a netting technique and has transitioned into metal materials. Ms. Cosme added the design for the Bartlett Park is completed but the construction has not started yet. Mr. Stutz would be able to talk to the designers to discuss the options for the location of his artwork. Lloyd Hamilton said the location of the Park is near Coronado High School. Mr. Munoz recommended looking at Mr. Stutz website to check some of his past art pieces. Ms. Cosme said Mr. Stutz would provide more detail on the process once he presents the design with a budget of \$75,000. Mr. Munoz asked if the artist would work with the architects and Ms. Cosme responded he would only talk to the designers about the possible locations for the piece. Mr. Stutz would then present the proposal to the Committee for any feedback and approval. The project expected deadline is by the summer in 2018. He will attend the community meetings organized by the Public Art program to receive input from the community. Mr. McNicol moved to approve on selecting Michael Stutz for Bartlett Park Project. Mr. Castle seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action on selecting George Bates for Montana RTS Project. Adam Marshall represented the PAC in the artist selection panel. Three artist were presented to the panel and George Bates was the finalist to be recommended to the Committee to develop bus shelters for the Brio line going down Montana. Mr. Bates is not originally from El Paso but he has visited twice to develop and present this project. Mr. Marshall added the artist selection panel liked the way Mr. Bates listens to the communities when designing a project. The artist's proposal is based on the community and its history. Ms. Carrizal-Dukes asked about the process to select an artist and Ms. Cosme responded this was through a public call. Miriam Garcia explained both projects had the same process, however the Montana RTS had a higher budget and the three top artists came to El Paso to present their proposals to the selection panel. The design will be displayed on the Brio panels to be consistent with the other locations. Mr. Marshall showed pictures of Mr. Bates previous art pieces. Mr. Bates presented two concepts for this project to the artist selection panel. He gave two concepts using different materials for the creation of this project. His focus is to use something that will last a long time and that it is easy to maintain. The first concept is fiberglass reinforced plastic fabricated in Arizona in three different colors. The second option is to use metal with enamel in two colors plus the metal finish. Some members were concerned this option would not last for many years because of the fading of the metal. Ms. Garcia confirmed

both options would need to be completed within the same budget. Mr. McNicol suggested informing Mr. Bates about the orange color set on top of each station by Sun Metro for better planning. Ms. Carrizal-Dukes suggested for Mr. Bates to work with the school districts and other organizations to learn more about the Community. Mr. Castle move to approve on selecting Michael Stutz for Bartlett Park Project. Mr. McNicol seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment. Ms. Carrizal-Dukes motioned to adjourn the November 14, 2017 meeting at 4:13 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for December 12, 2017.

Approved for content by:
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