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## Museums & Cultural Affairs

### The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 3:30 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

#### MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 3:40 p.m.
2. **Roll Call. Members Present:** Rida Asfahani, Katherine Brennand, Ken Gorski, Floyd Johnson, Martina Lorey, Ray Parish, Amy Parker and Elia Perez. **Members Absent:** Kate Bonansinga and Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson. **Others Present:** Pat Dalbin, Marisol Lopez, Sean McGlynn, and Maria Aragon.
3. **Public Comment.** None. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes for meeting held on October 27, 2009. Ray Parish moved to approve the minutes as presented; Ken Gorski seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
4. **Discussion and Action on the 2010 Public Art Plan to include projects in progress and future projects.** Handout outlining all projects and PowerPoint presentation provided for review and consideration. Mentioned 6 projects completed, 6 projects partnered with other City departments, five projects currently in progress, and eight projects forecasted for future years. Mentioned MCAD works directly with City Reps for determining needs of specific districts. Mentioned funds assigned to provide lighting to previously completed projects that did not include lighting the first time around. Chair asked for a motion to approve the 2010 Public Art Plan; Ken Gorski moved to approve the Plan as presented; Katherine Brennand seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. **Discussion and Action on a Pre-Qualified list of local artists for future projects.** List of local artists provided for review and consideration. Discussion about effort to create a pool of local artists for engaging in community projects and/or participating in collaboration with visiting artists on bigger projects. Mentioned this would be an ongoing list, allowing for the addition of artists as needed. Discussion about the need for a separate list strictly for engaging local artists in community projects, allowing for skill set expansion, professional development, and recognition at local level. Mentioned commissions would be based on competitive process already in place. Chair asked for a motion to approve the Pre-Qualified list of local artists; Martina Lorey moved to approve the list as presented and providing for future additions; Ray Asfahani seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Discussion and Action on selection of PAC member to participate on Artist Selection Panel for Pebble Hills Traffic Circle.** Discussion about member's role on artist selection panel. Chair asked for volunteers. Rida Asfahani was nominated and accepted to participate. No further action required.
7. **Discussion and Action on direction selection of Artist Poetic Kinetics for the Dept. of Energy Block Grant Public Art project.** PowerPoint including images of past works by Poetic Kinetics provided for review and consideration. Discussion about recommendation for direct selection of this artist based on level of expertise. Mentioned partnership with CDBG for energy grant project with very tight deadline. Chair asked for motion to approve the direct selection of Artist Poetic Kinetics; Ken Gorski motioned to approve; Rida Asfahani seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passes unanimously.
8. **Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for January 26, 2010.

Approved for content by:  
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