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**Museums & Cultural Affairs  
The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 3:30 PM  
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

**REVISED MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 3:34pm.

**2. Roll Call.**

**Members Present:** Sarelah Aguilar, Jesus E. Carrillo, Cathy Chen, Laura Jaquez, Floyd Johnson, Adam Marshall, Alejandro Mireles, Josue Munoz, Ivan Nino and Daniel Szwaczkowski

**Members Absent:** Edgar Lopez

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

**3. Public Comment.** None.

**4. Approval of Minutes.** Floyd Johnson requested a motion to approve the November 10, 2020 minutes. Jesus E. Carrillo seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Action on final design for Country Club Rd. Roundabout Project.** Adrian Guzman addressed the Committee to introduce Laura Turon, assigned artist for this project. Adrian Guzman shared a PowerPoint presentation and Laura Turon addressed the Committee to share the final design for the sculpture at the Country Club Rd. Roundabout Project. The title of the pieces is "Unity" with the following dimensions: 14 ft. high, 12 ft. long and 12ft wide. The materials that would be using are painted mild steel and polycarbonate. She talked about the design concept which focuses on water flow since the location of the piece is by Montoya Drain and the Rio Grande being less than a mile away. Ms. Turon explained system she used to create this concept using coordinates of the site. She showed renderings of the piece from different angles at day and night. The piece represents the flow and transparency of the water and it will be illuminate it by using blue spot lights. She added that the separation between each the three element is 3.5 ft. The middle element is 14 ft. tall by 12 ft. long and each section of polycarbonate is 9 in. wide with a thickness of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch. The two exterior elements are 11.5 ft. tall by 12 ft. long and 10 ft. tall by 12 ft. long. The LED spotlights that are being used are eColor Burst Powercore gen2 which are exterior-rated. Ms. Turon showed renderings of the current electrical plan for the overall project and went over the total budget. She stated that she is familiar using polycarbonate and currently she talking to the vendor to use a water resistant coating material. She addressed all the concerns from the Committee members regarding the piece lighting plan. The piece can be cleaned using power wash and it can be easily replace if it gets damaged. Ms. Turon added that she is working closely with the structural engineer regarding the support for the piece. Laura Jaquez requested a motion to approve, Adam Marshall moved to approve; Sarelah Aguilar seconded. Josue Munoz abstained. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion and Action on final artist selection for Pavo Real Recreation Center Improvements Project.** Miriam Garcia addressed the Committee to explain that the Public Art Program is giving the opportunity to local artists to expand their portfolios and they requested proposals from 5 local artist, but only 2 submitted their proposal. Adrian Guzman walked the Committee thru the presentation that was showed at the Artist selection panel which was composed by members of the Community appointed by the District Representative, a person from the Capital Improvement Department, a person from the Parks and Recreation Department, a local artist, and someone from the PAC. He discussed the call to semi-finalists, the project overview, and the budget for the project. He explained that once an artist is selected, he/she will need to work with the Community for the design of the piece and with Artaic the selected fabricator. Mr. Guzman said they have a fabricator in mind that works with robots to assemble their product in one ft. by one ft. sheets with installation instructions. He showed renderings of the proposed location for the piece which is 16' by 94' and approximately 1,500 square ft. He proceed showed Rene Nevarez presentation which was selected by the selection panel. Mr. Nevarez concept is an abstract peacock imagery. He is planning to use sintered glass tile, metallic gold tile and reflective urethane grout for his design but once in contract he will work with the color

schemes for the best approach. Ms. Garcia said the cost analysis was done before the project and it is approximately 80,000 just for the tile portion and the finish will be in compliance for safety standards. Adam Marshall moved to approve; Josue Munoz seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

**7. Discussion and Action on the 2021 Public Art Plan.** Ms. Garcia addressed the Committee to explained the Public Art Plan needs to be approved every year first by the Public Art Committee, then by Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board and lastly by City Council. She shared that up to date the Public Art Program has completed 73 projects, purchased 186 art acquisitions, worked with 227 artist, provided professional apprenticeship to 40 local artist, impacted over 110 local business with public art projects, received 10 National awards, and has been featured in 18 National publications. Ms. Garcia went over the purpose of the Public Art Program, listed all the projects completed in 2020 and projects near completion (list attached), and she showed pictures of completed projects. She listed the new projects and new allocations for the 2021 Public Art Plan and provided an update on the projects in progress (lists attached). She listed all the changes in current projects (list attached) and showed renderings of some of in-progress art pieces. Adam Marshall expressed his concerned about the maintenance budget needed to maintain all the new additional Public Art pieces over the next years and the update needed on the Public Art brochure that is available on the website. Mr. Marshall asked for an update on the turbines repairs on the Airway project and Ms. Garcia responded the last plan in place with UTEP fell thru. Mr. Marshall requested an email about the issues with getting the piece fixed for an opportunity to get a company to assist. Miriam added, the issue is that one of the turbines stop spinning again after being repaired and the manufacturer for those turbines finished their projects in the US and they moved back to China. Adam Marshall moved to approve; Jesus E. Carrillo seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

**8. Adjournment.** Laura Jacquez motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jesus E. Carrillo seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm. Next meeting scheduled for April 13, 2021.

Approved for content by:  
Miriam Garcia, Public Art Program Supervisor

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Respectfully submitted by:  
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