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**Museums & Cultural Affairs
The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 3:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

CITY CLERK DEPT
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MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call. Done by Josephine Jimarez-Howard

Members Present: Sarelah Aguilar, Cathy Chen, Lucio Glenn, Darby Winters, Floyd Johnson, Claudia Ley, Edgar Lopez, Alejandro Mireles, and Ivan Nino

Members Absent: Jesus Carrillo

Others Present: Ben Fyffe, Miriam Garcia, Adrian Guzman, Miriam Lopez, Josephine Jimarez-Howard, Julio Sanchez De Alba (Artist-item 6), Renee Jimenez (item 6), Raymond Palacios (item 6), Dan Olivas (item 6), and Cimi Alvarado (Artist-item 7)

3. Public Comment.

4. Approval of Minutes. Floyd Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2022. Sarelah Aguilar seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes. Floyd Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2022. Sarelah Aguilar seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

6. Discussion and Action on budget increase and changes to final design for Men of Company E Memorial Project. Raymond Palacios, a Member of the public, addressed the Committee to state that he is in support of the project. Miriam Garcia, Public Arts Program Supervisor, addressed the Committee to introduce the topic and Artist, Julio Sanchez De Alba. Mr. Sanchez De Alba gave a detailed presentation and went over the proposed change and budget increase to the project. Mr. Sanchez De Alba discussed the first change being made to the initial project, which is adding the black galaxy granite to all four sides of the concrete pedestal. He then discussed details over the additional bronze plaques needed and their locations. Lastly, he discussed a concrete curb addition, which will be added around the sculpture to address previous ADA concerns. Mr. Sanchez De Alba went on to state that *Community En Accion* (CEA) agreed to fund the additional budgeted \$35,000 needed for the updated design proposal. Edgar Lopez had a series questions regarding the materials being used around the sculpture and the embedded lighting around the sculpture. Mr. Sanchez De Alba answered with details regarding the materials being used and that the embedded lights have no heat safety concerns since the lights have proved to have no problems. Mr. Dan Olivas, CEA representative, addressed the Committee to speak on behalf of CEA, and commented in support of the project. Mr. Sanchez De Alba and Members of the public, then left the meeting and the Public Art Committee Members discussed the project. Edgar Lopez made motion to approve the budget increase and changes to materials to final design. Cathy Chen seconded the motion. All Members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

7. Discussion and Action on final design for Alabama Street Mural Replacement. Mr. Cimi Alvarado addressed the Committee and presented a detailed presentation of the final design for Alabama Street Mural Replacement. The current mural has a significant amount of paint chipping off. Mr. Alvarado also stated that the Public Art Program, collected community feedback on recommendations of what the surrounding community wanted to see in the mural, which was considered when creating the design. The change includes the use of Mineral-Art Exterior paint rather than acrylic, so that it will last longer and less likely to blister or peel. Edgar Lopez had a question about how to prevent water damage. Mr. Alvarado stated that the paint being used will allow for proper humidity ventilation. Alejandro Mireles had a couple of questions over the design process. Mr. Alvarado answered with details over his process for designs and added that the community feedback was helpful to the design. Edgar Lopez had a question about the edges of the wall and if he would be addressing that area. Mr. Alvarado affirmed that the edges will be addressed. Floyd Johnson added comments in regards to the design.