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The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC) Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 3:30 PM MCAD Board Room

MINUTES

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

2. **Roll Call.**

Members Present: Edmund Castle, Derek Caulfield, Gregory McNicol, Isela Ocegueda, Abel Saucedo, and Stefanie Block Uribarri

Members Absent: Ann Kruzich, Marina Monsisvais, Daniela Quesada Rivas and Laura Turon

Others Present: Aidee Cosme, Miriam Garcia, Omar De La Rosa and Diana Cepeda

3. **Public Comment.** Claude Montes introduced himself to the audience and talked about some of his works. Gregory McNicol explained the process to be considered as a candidate for future partnership. Mr. Montes asked about the agenda posting system and Aidee Cosme offered to discuss after the meeting.

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Mr. McNicol requested a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes. Stefanie Block Uribarri moved to approve. Isela Ocegueda seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action on annulling selection of Jen Lewin Studio as selected artist for Alameda Recreation Center/Library.** Mrs. Cosme notified the Board that the Public Art Program could not reach an agreement with Jen Lewin Studio when negotiating the contract. Edmund Castle requested to know these reasons. Mrs. Cosme explained that is mostly her availability and other project commitments and also some terms in the contract that the studio would not agree on. Terms that the legal department advised could not be modified. Mr. McNicol requested a motion to approve the annulment of Jen Lewin studio as the selected artist for Alameda Recreation Center/Library. Mr. Castle moved to approve. Mrs. Ocegueda seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion and Action on selecting Osman Akan for Alameda Recreation Center/Library.** Mrs. Cosme mentioned Osman Akan was the second choice from the artist selection panel meeting. Mrs. Cosme proceeded with an image presentation of past works by Mr. Akan located throughout the United States. She shared with the board that Mr. Akan is from New York and she offered to share his resume with the board if needed. Mrs. Cosme stated the artist has a Master of Fine Arts from Kale Arts and a graphic design degree from Turkey. His background is in sculptural work pieces and he works mostly with lights, a style the artist selection panel liked about the first choice, Jen Lewin Studio. Mr. Akan uses playful and integrated elements which were a requirement for this specific project. Mr. Castle asked if the artist presented anything specific for the project he would be selected for. Mrs. Cosme responded the project has not been designed yet, and the artist just presented past art works that fit the description of the project. Mr. McNicol asked if the piece was going to be an interior or exterior piece. Derek Caulfield added the piece will be integrated in the recreation center and library building, so the artist and design team will work together to build something integrated. Mrs. Cosme added the program does not know if it will be exterior or interior and will depend on the building design. Mr. Castle explained the project is still on programming phase and the artist timeline will move alongside the deadlines of the overall project. Mrs. Cosme said Mr. Akan will be required to work with the rest of the project team on the design. Mrs. Uribarri asked if the Public Art program has contacted Mr. Akan to verify if it is possible for him to be part of this project. Mrs. Cosme responded the program has already contacted him to ensure he was able to work on this project because of the possibility of him accepting other projects since submitting application; artist is available and willing to participate. Mrs. Ocegueda moved to approve the selection of Osman Akan for Alameda Recreation Center/Library. Mr. Castle seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment. Stefanie Block Uribarri motioned to adjourn the meeting. Isela Ocegueda seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for Aug 8, 2017.

Approved for content by:
Aidee Cosme, Public Art Program Supervisor

Respectfully submitted by:
Diana Cepeda, Administrative Assistant

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