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**Museums & Cultural Affairs
The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC)
Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 3:30 PM
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Members Present: Laura Jaquez, Floyd Johnson, Edgar Lopez, Adam Marshall, Alejandro Mireles, Josue Munoz, and Ivan Nino

Members Absent: Sarelah Aguilar, Jesus Carrillo, Cathy Chen, and Daniel Szwaczkowski

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

3. Public Comment. None.

4. Approval of Minutes. Laura Jaquez requested a motion to approve the minutes for June 8th, 2021. Adam Marshall motioned to approve the minutes. Floyd Johnson seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and action on final design for Pavo Real Recreation Center Improvements Project. Laura Jaquez opened the item for discussion. Miriam Garcia introduced Rene Nevarez in order for him to present requested clarifications for the tile to be used at the Pavo Real Recreation Center. Presentation was shown on screen and included an updated rendering of the tile from the manufacturer, Artaic. Mr. Nevarez went over the presentation, explaining the rendering from Artaic. -the presentation showed two images, one is a close up of the design details, showing five of the elements; the other image is an overall hallway rendering which shows seven of the design elements going across the hallway and ten and a half running the length. Edgar Lopez asked for clarification on the size and color of the tile. Mr. Nevarez confirmed the size of the tile as 1x1 mosaic tile and explained the choice for having a selection of blue, green, and yellow tiles to give depth and dimension. Mr. Lopez asked if the hallway rendering on the left was to scale for the hallway and Mr. Nevarez confirmed. Mr. Nevarez moved forward with the presentation and presented a detail of the tile color scheme chosen. He pointed that there are three blues as opposed to the original as well as more yellows to add more richness. Continuing the presentation showed examples of Artaic's previous works and the project's budget which is to remain the same at \$85,000 with a contingency of \$2,000 to provide for possible price increases. Mr. Nevarez then addressed the previous request on maintenance information. He stated that Artaic changed the scope of maintenance to include damp mops, rags, sponges or similar. This is also included in the warranty information. The Committee had no further questions and Mr. Nevarez left the meeting. Mr. Lopez asked about the any floor transitions, or trash holes and, Adrian Guzman, stated that those items were already included by the architect and that the transitions would be handled by them. Mr. Munoz stated he was looking at the ends of the design wishing for symmetry, however, he was impressed with the variation of colors. Mr. Guzman stated that there are nine colors in total. Mr. Munoz then brought up a question from the previous meeting, as to how the design would look from a ground view or down the hallway perspective. Mr. Guzman, explained that he has spoken to Mr. Nevarez about an updated rendering of this view however it would have been at an additional cost, so it was not attainable... Laura Jaquez motion to approve the design, colors, and proportions for the Pavo Real Recreation Center Public Art project. Josue Munoz, seconded the motion. Mr. Lopez abstained from voting. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

6. Update 2021 Public Art Plan Amendment. Ms. Jaquez moved the discussion to the 2021 Public Art Plan Amendment. Ms. Garcia addressed the Committee stating that there were necessary changes made to the Plan and that these changes were approved by El Paso City Council on August 3, 2021. Mr. Garcia added it is an update and no motion is needed. Ms. Garcia stated that there was a change in the location for the *Sombras y Luz* and *Novel Romance* projects due to the construction of the Mexican American Cultural Center. *Novel Romance* will be moved to the other side of the Main Library while part of *Sombras y Luz* will stay but part of it will move to another location that is still being decided. Council approved a line item to create a budget to hire a

contractor to move these pieces. The items from Sombras y Luz that will be relocated are the reading circles, fence panels, and the sitting canopies. Next, Ms. Garcia stated that the Airport Mural Project will be done by a local artist. As well, the Leo Cancellare Pool Renovation, changed names to Galatzan Recreation Center and the artist selection process was updated to Open Competition. The selection process was changed for Esperzana Moreno from Pre-Qualified Artist Pool to Invitational Competition to have local artists submit proposals for the design of outdoor benches. The Main Library Children's Area was changed from Open Competition to Invitational Competition. Additionally, the budget for the canopy at the Children's Museum is increasing by \$165,000 due to an increase in the cost of metal for stainless steel for the durability and ease of maintenance. The cost and budget/allocation of the Country Club Roundabout also increased due to the rising cost of stainless steel and desire to use a local manufacturer. Ms. Garcia then opened the meeting for questions. Mr. Munoz wanted to discuss the budget for the relocation of *Sombras y Luz* and *Novel Romance*, asking for confirmation for as to the amount listed as the cost of relocating all items. Ms. Garcia stated that budget included a contingency amount to ensure the proper removal of the art pieces, the creation of foundations as well as the need for a structural and electrical engineer to redesign the electrical workings of the reading circles. The reading circles will need to be cut in half and welded back together. . Edgar Lopez then asked if additional art will be placed/created for the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). Miriam Garcia, confirmed that there would be the addition of Public Art pieces in the Main Library Children's Area, being a tree and reading area. As well the Men of Company E Memorial will be installed in Cleveland Square Park to accompany the building of the MACC with work to begin early in 2022.

7. Adjournment. Laura Jacquez motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:59pm. Adam Marshall seconded. All members voted in favor, none apposed, motioned passed unanimously. Next meeting scheduled for September 14th, 2021.

Approved for content by:
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