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The City of El Paso Public Art Committee (PAC) Tuesday, September 12, 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: Elvira Carrizal-Dukes, Edmund Castle, Emmanuel Iglesias, Gregory McNicol, Josue Munoz, Laura Turon and Stefanie Block Uribarri

Members Absent: Derek Caulfield, Ann Kruzich, Marina Monsisvais and Abel Saucedo

Others Present: Aidee Cosme, Miriam Garcia and Diana Cepeda

3. Public Comment. None

4. Approval of Minutes. Gregory McNicol requested a motion to approve the June 13, 2017 minutes. Stefanie Block Uribarri moved to approve. Edmund Castle seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

5. Annual Meeting Schedule. Aidee Cosme talked about the annual meeting schedule provided to the Committee for 2018.

6. Discussion and Action on Election of the Vice-Chair. Ms. Cosme asked if any member had interest in becoming the Vice-Chair for the Committee. Josue Munoz requested the Vice-Chair role to be describe. Ms. Cosme explained the Vice-Chair would serve as the Committee Chair in the absence of the Chair. Mr. McNicol requested a motion to approve Jouse Munoz as the Vice-Chair for the Committee. Ms. Block Uribarri moved to approve. Edmund Castle seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action on annulling selection of Gaspar Enriquez as selected artist for Chamizal Recreation Center/Library. Ms. Cosme added that unfortunately the Public Art Program could not get into an agreement with Mr. Enriquez. He was selected on the previous meeting as the lead artist for the Chamizal Recreation Center/Library art piece. Mr. Enriquez did not agree with the budget the Program offered him. Ms. Cosme explained to the Committee why the program has a limited budget for entire project and his offered covered the design only. M. Enriquez asked for a higher offer and the Program could not commit to the amount. Mr. McNicol move to approve annulling selection of Gaspar Enriquez as selected artist for Chamizal Recreation Center/Library. Emmanuel Iglesias seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and Action on selecting Jesus "Cimi" Alvarado for Chamizal Recreation Center/Library. Ms. Elvira Carrizal-Dukes asked how the artist was selected and what the budget for the project is. Ms. Cosme answered the budget for the project is \$200,000 for the entire project, which includes design, fabrication and installation. The selection on this case was through direct selection by a Representative who is no longer a City Council member. MCAD staff selected Mr. Alvarado since he is from the community where the project will be located. Ms. Block Uribarri asked for the amount the Program could not agree with Mr. Enriquez. Ms. Cosme explained it was a \$20,000 difference for the design only, for a total of \$60,000. Mr. Alvarado has been notified about the design and the budget, but the contract negotiation have not started. Ms. Cosme presented pictures of Mr. Alvarado art works to the Committee. The art piece will be located at a new recreation center, a separate building form the Chamizal where the Levi's warehouse used to be. Ms. Cosme added the artist is only involved in the design but not in the installation of the piece. Mr. McNicol move to approve annulling selection of Gaspar Enriquez as selected artist for Chamizal Recreation Center/Library. Elvira Carrizal-Dukes seconded. All members voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

9. Status report on Travis White Park and Blackie Chesher Park public art projects. Ms. Cosme presented picture of the art piece at Blackie Chesher Park. She invited the Board to the ribbon cutting for Blackie Chesher Park by RDG Dahlquist Art Studio on September 21. Ms. Carrizal-Dukes asked if the City pays for the artwork electrical bill. Ms. Cosme confirmed the City pays for the electric bill, but LED lighting was selected for lower cost and durability. She proceeded to present pictures of the Travis White Park piece by Christopher Fenell and invited the board to the ribbon cutting on September 14. Miriam Garcia added the art piece is inspired by the Jack and the Beanstalk and has three benches on the bottom of the piece.

10. Adjournment. Mr. McNicol motioned to adjourn the September 12, 2017 meeting at 4:08 p.m. Ms. Block Uribarri seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously. Next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted by:
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