

VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Toni Hsu called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Jesse Cupp, Susi Merhar, Tootoo Thomson (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Regina Sakols, Vice Chair Don Whitebread, and Chair Toni Hsu.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; Tiffany Chew, Business Development Specialist; Sabina Mora, Business Development Specialist; Rey Rodriguez, Senior Project Manager; and Robert Gonzales, Principal Civil Engineer.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as presented.

Motion—M/S Cupp/Bryant—Carried 6-0-1; Thomson absent—Approve the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

Public Art Strategy.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 MORA PARK – CIP PROJECT 17-46

Staff provided an update on the project.

No action taken.

6.2 PYRAMID PARK – CIP PROJECT 17-34

Staff provided an update on the project.

No action taken.

6.3 RENGSTORFF AQUATICS CENTER – CIP PROJECT 18-38

Staff provided an update on the project.

The Committee expressed concern about the condition of the existing fish sculptures and their prominent location on the building and requested that staff provide alternative options.

No action taken.

6.4 FAYETTE PARK—CIP PROJECT 20-48, ART PROPOSAL SELECTION

Staff provided an update on the project.

No action taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 RENGSTORFF PARK AQUATICS CENTER SELECTION PROCESS

Economic Development staff provided an overview and recap of the Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center project selection process. The Committee provided input on the selection process, including the advantages and disadvantages of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) versus Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and a discussion about the guidance that can be included in the RFQ/RFP related to large projects with multiple installations.

No action taken.

7.2 CITY COUNCIL POLICY K-5 ON PUBLIC ART AND CIP PROJECTS

Public Works staff provided an overview of the K-5 Policy on Public Art and CIP Projects, including: (1) a proposed increase in the threshold to qualify for public art from a \$1,000,000 construction budget to \$1,500,000 construction budget; (2) a proposed cap of \$400,000 for public art projects, and (3) a proposed increase of the percent for public art from 1% to 2% of the construction budget. The Committee provided input on the proposed changes to Policy K-5 and in particular expressed concern about the increase in the \$1,000,000 construction budget threshold to qualify for public art. Some Committee members expressed concern an increase in the qualifying threshold would eliminate certain small projects from being included for public art. The Committee supports the overall \$400,000 cap on public art budgets and an increase in the percent for public art from 1% to 2%. The Committee also discussed the types of projects that qualify for public art under Policy K-5.

No action taken.

7.3 RENGSTORFF PARK STRUCTURES IMPROVEMENT, CIP 21-48

Public Works introduced the project and requested feedback from the Committee on the type of art concepts and elements of the public art selection process. The Committee requested the selection process include a collaborative component with community members, such as high school students. The Committee requested additional time to develop a selection process and scope of work to be included in a Request for Qualifications/Proposals.

No action taken.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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