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APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
MINUTES OF May 05, 2021

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE:

The notice of the meeting was posted on April 29, 2021.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Vertz called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL: **Present:** Chair Vertz, Vice Chair Mills-Thysen, and Committee Members Langberg, Stucker, and Arnold
Absent: None
Staff: Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 07, 2021

Committee Member Langberg made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vice Chair Mills-Thysen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Ayes: Chair Vertz, Vice Chair Mills-Thysen, and Committee Members Langberg, and Stucker
 Noes: None
 Abstain: Committee Member Arnold
 Absent: None

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

5. STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

6. REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Ives Park Pool Fence Mural

Chair Vertz acknowledged receipt of the public comment that the Committee received earlier today.

Director Svanstrom provided a brief introduction.

Planning Commission Vice Chair, Kathy Oetinger, introduced Ricky Watts, a local artist and muralist, fellow member of the Planning Commission, Evert Fernandez, and Ricard Freitas from Ives Pool, and gave a presentation.

The Committee asked questions of Ms. Oetinger and Mr. Watts.

Chair Vertz asked if members of the public wished to speak on this item.

Director Svanstrom noted that a letter of support for the concept of a mural at Ives Pool was received from a member of the public.

Hearing none, Chair Vertz closed public comment.

The Committee discussed this item and asked questions of Ms. Oetinger and Director Svanstrom.

Planning Commissioner, Evert Fernandez spoke on this concept.

Mr. Freitas commented on the history of the slats.

Ms. Oetinger agreed to serve on a subcommittee of the Public Arts Committee to further explore this concept should one be formed.

The Committee agreed to make this their third priority, after the sculpture garden and future call, and formed a subcommittee to further explore this concept.

The Committee agreed to add this item to a future agenda for further discussion in terms of scope before forming a subcommittee.

Mr. Fernandez commented that including one or more members of the public to the subcommittee could be helpful to keep things from stalling.

Members of the Committee concurred.

Director Svanstrom asked if Mr. Freitas would be willing to be on the subcommittee as well.

Mr. Freitas responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Oetinger thanked the Committee for their time and consideration.

The Committee thanked those in attendance for their work and input on this item.

The Committee agreed to rearrange items on the agenda in the interest of time.

C. Sculpture Garden Update

Vice Chair Mills-Thysen and Director Svanstrom provided updates.

The subcommittee agreed to meet with staff at the site next Tuesday, 5/11 at 2 p.m.

D. Public Arts Project Updates

Director Svanstrom provided updates.

The Committee asked questions of Director Svanstrom.

B. Future Art Concepts

Chair Vertz opened public comment.

Mr. Fernandez commented:

I have been working for a few years on a concept of having a sort of tribute to the farmworkers of Sonoma County. I had an informal committee at one point before the fires, floods, and COVID all came along, and I am wanting to reconnect on it again. I have spoken to organizations such as the Grape Growers Association. As far as funding to do something, I had a couple of meetings with the owners of Hotel Sebastopol that is coming in about the concept of incorporating something with a farmworker as part of their lobby area artwork, they are very open to it. I wanted to throw that out there, not intended for discussion today, but maybe for a future item about trying to do something, whether it is a statue, mural, or some other kind of art depicting and showing the contributions that the farmworker has done in this area. What we attribute to the beautiful area that we have, the vineyards, the wineries, and the wealth, and so forth. I think Sebastopol would be an appropriate place to have it representing the entire county. I think it is an opportunity that we have, and I wanted to throw it out there as a consideration.

Hearing nothing further, Chair Vertz closed public comment.

The Committee thanked Mr. Fernandez for his comments, asked questions, and discussed this item further.

E. Potential Sculpture Sites for Future Calls

The Committee discussed this item; no action was taken.

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT (Update on Future Agendas, Action of Other Boards and City Council)

Director Svanstrom provided updates.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Committee Member Stucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Langberg seconded the motion. Chair Vertz adjourned the meeting of the Sebastopol Public Arts Committee at 11:56 a.m. The next regular Public Arts Committee meeting will be held on June 02, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.