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REDMOND COMMITTEE FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES
MINUTES

September 20, 2016

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

RCAPP Present: Chair Linda Gilmore Hill, Vice-Chair Betty Jo Simmons, Gillian Burton, Frank Graham, Katie Harris, Bruce Taylor (*absent: Jessica Rowan, Ethan Stelzer; 1 vacancy*)

Youth Ex Officio: (*absent: Madison Hill*)

City Staff: Jaclyn Abslag, *Administrative Assistant/Community Development*; Jason Neff, *Deputy Director-Central Services/Budget Manager*; Keith Witcosky, *City Manager*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Anne Graham, *City Council Liaison*

Media: Dave Morgan, *RedmondNewsToday.com*

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of committee members voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. with a quorum of members (5 of 8) present. Ms. Burton arrived at 4:37 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Evergreen City Hall – Art Project

Chair Hill outlined the potential for additional art projects in the new city hall now that the restroom tile project had been canceled. RCAPP has received a \$6,600 donation from Hayden Homes.

Mr. Neff introduced himself as the new manager of the city hall renovation project (old Evergreen Elementary School). Council is very interested in the art potential of this building. He recapped art projects being planned, presented floor layouts and color photographs, and identified potential sites for new art projects.

RCAPP ideas for new projects covered an art glass piece on an interior window, hanging system for art on the walls, dedicating space to youth art, juried art shows, film festival activities, naming the meeting rooms, and rotating artworks between the airport and city hall. Other concerns included budget, window dimensions where the art glass might be installed, potential for challenge grants, level of public access at each potential site, and the cost to use the Café Artist website for a Request for Proposals.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Neff for his informative presentation.

2. Pacific Power Substation

Chair Hill said she and Ms. Abslag met with Mr. Taylor about potential art projects near this facility. Ms. Abslag said \$75,000 was set aside for Highway 97 beautification to be split between the Pacific Power Substation and Negus overpass.

Mr. Taylor outlined constraints imposed by Pacific Power: nothing attached to the fence and Pacific Power will not be responsible for maintaining the artwork. He will present ideas for potential projects to City staff next week.

RCAPP concerns included site dimensions, project scope, budget, potential of matching funds from ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation and Pacific Power), materials, and the potential to reallocate monies reserved for the substation and Negus overpass projects to the substation alone.

Mr. Witcosky recommended RCAPP coordinate with Chuck Arnold, City staff member with DURAC (Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee), since the substation is within the urban renewal district. City Council will need to approve any reallocation of funds.

3. Rock Chuck Auction – Close-Out

Ms. Abslag presented a preliminary financial statement. Following review, RCAPP members recommended corrections. Ms. Abslag said she would update the financial statement to reflect only revenues and costs of the auction event and e-mail it to RCAPP members.

Ms. Abslag reported she was still waiting to receive W-9 forms from artists. Vice-Chair Simmons and Mr. Graham volunteered to contact the four artists who have not yet submitted their W-9 forms.

What went well: Publicity – positive “buzz” throughout the project.

Improvements needed (if doing a similar event in the future): better administration from the start of the event, open communication and coordination between sponsors and artists early in the decorating process.

Mr. Graham recommended the members of the Public Works Department who helped with the auction setup receive an official “pat on the back.” Ms. Abslag said she would send something to Public Works Director Bill Duerden and Transportation Division Manager Rob Peters.

4. Art Around the Clock – Update

Chair Hill presented a list of the 10 artworks from Round 4: artist name, residence city/state, installation site, sculpture name, and value. The artists she met who attended the installations were thrilled. She commended the three Public Works staff (Scott Gibson, Brad Haynes, Everett Luff) for their with installation of the Round 4 sculptures.

Ms. Abslag reported that John Zylstra (“Camp Harmony”) was very complimentary to RCAPP and the Public Works Department, saying this install was one of the best in his experience.

Mr. Taylor said the installation went smoothly and the Public Works staff were very helpful, courteous, and easy to work with.

5. Fund-Raising

a. **Calendars:** Chair Hill said she had been researching the possibility of doing an 18-month calendar to help promote RCAPP’s artworks (Art Around the Clock, rock chucks). Printing cost for 25 calendars would be \$10.23 each (\$255.75 total). The unit cost could decrease if more calendars were done at one time.

Members discussed selling ads to rock chuck sponsors to help fund a calendar, potential market, production timeline for holiday shopping, and selling price.

Motion 3 (5/1/0): Ms. Burton moved to ask Ms. Hill to buy twenty-five 18-month calendars for Art Around the Clock plus the rock chucks at \$10.23 per unit and sell them for \$25 each.

Ms. Simmons seconded the motion which passed with Ms. Burton, Ms. Harris, Ms. Hill, Ms. Simmons, and Mr. Taylor voting in favor, Mr. Graham opposed, and none abstaining.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. July 19, 2016

Motion 4 (6/0/0): Mr. Graham moved to accept the minutes from July 19, 2016, as presented. Ms. Simmons seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 5 (6/0/0): Ms. Simmons moved to accept the minutes from August 16, 2016, as presented. Mr. Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Hill reported she and Ms. Abslag attended the Art Alliance meeting and she presented an Americans for the Arts survey form. Art Alliance members requested RCAPP's assistance in surveying attendees at Redmond's next cultural event: 10th Annual Festival of Cultures, September 24, 2016, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. She directed members to contact Ms. Abslag if they wanted to help with the survey. Ms. Abslag said participating in this survey would cost \$50 and the City would have to commit to handing out at least 50 surveys. Results from surveys conducted in all 50 states will be available in June 2017.

Vice-Chair Simmons offered RCAPP a JPEG file, showing all the rock chucks in one photo.

STAFF COMMENTS

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places and SIGNED by me this 18TH day of October, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Linda Gilmore Hill
Linda Gilmore Hill
Chair

/s/ Jaclyn Abslag
Jaclyn Abslag
Administrative Assistant, Community Development