

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

April 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Public Art Commission was called to order at 3:16 p.m. by Chairman Kilman, in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Commissioner Hudgins, Commissioner Tiedeman, Commissioner Murphy, Commissioner Giblin, Vice-chairman Evans, Chairman Kilman, Commissioner Thurber, Commissioner Savin, and Commissioner Mates.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director of Community Services; Kristina Owens, Associate Planner; Corky Triol, Administrative Coordinator; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Mates, seconded by Commissioner Savin, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. South Gateway/New Leaf Update – Discussion/Possible Action

Ms. Owens noted that the contract for the guardrail had not been signed yet, noting another bid would be coming in soon. She also stated that staff would have information later regarding the lighting.

Vice-chairman Evans stated that she was disappointed that the lighting ceremony was cancelled.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues with having a lighting ceremony during daylight savings time in the shopping center parking lot. Additional discussion ensued regarding the Commission feeling Mr. Dykes and Ms. Pollack needed to be acknowledged.

Mr. Van Leeuwen suggested having City Council do a proclamation for Mr. Dykes with photos of the gateway piece and then having a short reception prior to the meeting in the lobby honoring Susan Pollack for her services to the City and Mr. Dykes for his project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Swearing in of Reappointed/New Commissioners and Designation of Short-Term Appointment

The Commissioners were sworn in.

Commissioner Thurber accepted the short term appointment.

2. Future Election of Chair and Vice-chair and Docent Coordinator - Discussion

Ms. Owens stated that the position of the docent coordinator for Queen Califia's Magical Circle would be available in January.

A new chairman would be elected in July.

3. Escondido Creek Entryways Project – Verbal/Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding a potential Public Art project(s) in conjunction with the Escondido Creek Master Plan. The Master Plan, prepared by Glen Schmidt, will be presented to the Commissioners at the next meeting for additional discussion. There are many options for creating entry pieces along the creek, and plans could include a contest for artists.

Chairman Kilman questioned how the problem with mosquitoes would be dealt with in the creek. Mr. Van Leeuwen noted that the City was currently pursuing approvals for flushing the creek, noting that approvals from five agencies were necessary to accomplish this.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Van Leeuwen noted that the Commission should begin thinking about the pedestrian pathway project.

The next Commission Agenda was to include an item for future agenda items.

Commissioner Savin noted that Queen Califia's 10th anniversary was coming up and she questioned how Niki's project could be better advertised. She suggested advertising a day trip.

Commissioner Tiedeman asked if the City had a user friendly guide which showed the locations to the various public art projects. Commissioner Thurber replied in the affirmative. Commissioner Tiedeman suggested thinking about ways to make the guide more readily available.

Commissioner Hudgins suggested utilizing something that the City already had developed.

Discussion ensued regarding locations for placing the public art pamphlets.

Vice-chairman Evans suggested having advertising on the pamphlets to help offset the costs for producing it.

Commissioner Tiedeman suggested placing the pamphlets in the Chamber of Commerce.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Ms. Owens referenced the report and noted that the maze for the CCAE Courtyard Project was completed and planted. She also noted that required Ethics training was now available online.

FINANCIAL REPORT – February 2012 (previously discussed)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Thurber asked if Wal-Mart was building a store near Grand Avenue. Mr. Van Leeuwen replied in the affirmative.

Ms. Owens noted that Ms. Triol would be distributing the commissioner emails and phone numbers to the Commission.

Commissioner Savin suggested setting up a luncheon at Tango in May for Ms. Pollack. She noted she would send out an email to see who could attend.

Commissioner Murphy noted that the Chamber of Commerce produced the Escondido Map, noting it would be nice to incorporate the public art pieces on the map.

Commissioner Mates suggested the Commission begin thinking of an event to celebrate Queen Calafia's Magical Circle's 10th anniversary in October.

Vice-chairman Evans suggested scheduling the event for the beginning of November.

Commissioner Mates suggested having docents on duty to answer questions along with having stands with art projects.

Commissioner Savin suggested limiting the time from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Van Leeuwen suggested combining the event with the Families on Foot event which was on the weekend before Halloween.

Commissioner Mates suggested the Commission emailing each other regarding possible ideas for the event so that when the Commission met in July a plan could be formulated.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-chairman Evans adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for July 9, 2012.

Jerry Van Leeuwen, Director
of Community Services

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk