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

January 8, 2018

The regular meeting of the Public Art Commission was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Commissioner Tiedeman in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Murphy (Arrived 3:24 pm), Commissioner Osvold, Commissioner Tiedeman, Commissioner Velasco, and Commissioner Cowell.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Pruitt, and Commissioner Grenier.

Staff present: Karen Youel, Housing/Neighborhood Manager; Kristina Owens, Associate Planner; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Cowell, seconded by Commissioner Osvold, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chair Murphy was absent from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation about Niki de Saint Phalle Exhibit at CCAE

Leah Goodwin and Robert Dudley, provided an overview of the Niki de Saint Phalle Exhibit at the CCAE and the activities surrounding the exhibit and requested input.

Commissioner Murphy entered the meeting at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed directional signage for Queen Califia Magical Garden including banner signage. Additional discussion ensued regarding a clarification of how the event would be publicized.

Ms. Goodwin thanked Chair Murphy for the wooden pedestals.
OLD BUSINESS:

1. Participation of PAC at 2018 Niki de Saint Phalle exhibit – Discussion/Action

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, noted that docents were available to cover the days of the event.

2. Status of Queen California Schedule - Discussion

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, noted that the Second Saturday event was generating between 100 and 200 individuals. She also noted that they had docents for the Tuesdays and Thursdays with Commissioner Tiedeman having docents available for Second Saturdays.

Commissioner Tiedeman noted that she could talk to the docents to possibly cover Second Saturdays until 4:00 pm, if needed.

Commissioner Tiedeman expressed concern with opening the piece on the fourth Saturday without the volunteers being fully trained. She also felt it would take away from the significance of Second Saturday.

Ms. Owens noted that the concept was to open the piece on the fourth Saturday to see what the response was. She also stated that opening the piece on the fourth Saturday would not be advertised.

Commissioner Velasco noted that she had a group of individuals who were willing to go through the training. She felt the piece needed to be open more often, noting they had over 100 individuals on the fourth Saturday in November.

Chair Murphy felt the docents needed to go through the training program.

Commissioner Tiedeman noted that a minimum of two docents was needed for Second Saturday events. She also stated that the City was tied to the Second Saturday events.

Commissioner Murphy suggested continuing the fourth Saturday pilot program for two more months and that the docents be trained before the next fourth Saturday. Commissioner Tiedeman and Commissioner Velasco discussed training times for the docents.
3. "Five Benches" Project – Recommendation of Potential Sites (s)

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, referenced the staff report and noted that the request was to identify potential locations for the project.

Discussion ensued regarding potential locations at the CCAE, which included the Sculpture Garden and Entry Court.

4. Public Art Maintenance – Discussion/Update

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, noted that the first letters were sent out regarding maintenance, noting they received responses from all but two. She then provided an update on the subject pieces.

Commissioner Tiedeman suggested archiving the updates on the pieces for tracking purposes. She also felt this would go a long way with artists knowing that their pieces were being maintained. Ms. Youel noted that creating a trust fund for public art pieces was a good way to take care of projects, noting this would be incorporated into future projects.

Commissioner Cowell suggested taking pictures of the pieces and placing them around City Hall in order to promote public art.

Discussion ensued regarding creating a method for tracking projects.

5. MAGEC Group update - Report

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, provided the update and noted that Katherine Zimmer was willing to provide future updates.

Commissioner Tiedeman concurred with Katherine Zimmer apprising the Commission of anything related to the Public Art Commission. Chairman Murphy concurred.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Received.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT: Received.

FINANCIAL REPORT – November 2017 - Received.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.
ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Murphy noted he would not be reapplying to the Commission.

Commissioner Cowell noted he received an email regarding murals, which he would forward to staff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2018.

Karen Youel, Housing/Neighborhood Manager

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk