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

July 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Public Art Commission was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Murphy in the Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Chair Murphy, Vice-chairman Tiedeman, Commissioner Osvold, Commissioner Savin, and Commissioner Preston

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Pruitt.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Osvold, seconded by Vice-chairman Tiedeman, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (Commissioner Preston was absent from the vote)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Queen Califia Docent/Re-Opening Status - Report/Discussion/Action

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, noted that the construction on the Maze walls would be completed by the end of July.

Vice-chairman Tiedeman provided the update and stated that the docents would be holding quarterly meetings after the Public Art Commission meeting. She felt a better understanding of the actual contract between the City and the Foundation would help provide clarity on the actual responsibilities. She also stated that they would like to meet with the Foundation regarding the opening of the piece as well as creating better communication. She elaborated that the Foundation had approved the updated literature information. She then requested input from the Commissioners regarding the opening of the piece.

Mrs. Owens noted that the Foundation had nothing to do with the hours of operation for the piece, noting that staff kept them informed as a courtesy. She also
stated that the City had been splitting the maintenance cost with the Foundation, noting that the City had the responsibility to maintain the project. Commissioner Preston entered the meeting at this time. Vice-chairman Tiedeman noted that the security for the piece needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Savin stated she would like to see the piece open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday in order to coincide with the opening and closing of the schools.

Discussion ensued regarding coordinating the opening of the piece with the park ranger hours.

Commissioner Preston suggested creating a neighborhood watch program for the piece.

The consensus was to open the piece Tuesday through Sunday beginning in August, which would be dependent upon the park ranger’s hours.

2. **Queen Califia Interpretive Signage – Report/Discussion/Action**

Kristina Owens, Associate Planner, provided draft illustrations for potential signage and requested input from the Commission. She noted that the Niki Foundation wanted the signage to include a portrait of Niki, visuals of other Niki works, and a bio with basic text.

**Local Signage Discussion**

The Commission selected the following signage: Exhibits B, A, and C. Exhibit C was acceptable with a change to use Escondido blue on the title as well as making the Niki picture larger and clearer.

**Queen Califia Signage Discussion**

The Commission selected Exhibits D (6625), E (6665), and F (6873). The signage was to be 36 x 48 for both signs.
NEW BUSINESS:

1. Escondido Arts and Museum Group Update – Report/Discussion

Commissioner Preston noted that she and Vice-chairman Tiedeman had attended the meeting. She indicated that the meeting was well attended. She stated that the concern was that they were trying to reinvent the wheel. She also noted that the goal was to promote Escondido.

Vice-chairman Tiedeman noted that goal was to try to create one subject to get everyone to come to Second Saturday.

Commissioner Preston felt it was beneficial to have a Public Art Commission presence at the subject meetings.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Received.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT – June 17, 2016- Received.

Chair Murphy noted that developments were occurring in the City that should help the art fund.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Preston felt the Commission needed to continue talking about potential new projects.

Chairman Murphy stated that the City needed to put a project on the north side of the City such as a gateway project. The Commission concurred.

Mrs. Owens suggested pursuing this after the re-opening of Queen Califia and after the Queen Califia signage was completed.
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Previously discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for October 17, 2016.

Karen Youel, Manager
Housing and Neighborhood Services

Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk