



APPROVED MINUTES*
SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION
JULY 20, 2011

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in regular session in City Hall Council Chambers at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 at 7 p.m. with Chair Obrey presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Obrey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Obrey led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Robert Obrey
Vice Chair Noelle Hughes
Commissioner Vinita Karun
Commissioner Tracy Seto

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Assistant to the Director Cathy Merrill
Community Services Manager Diane Moglen
Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance
Admin Aide Karen Smith

Ms. Kita Greenberg and Ms. Cheryl Anton, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA), provided interpretive services for Arts Commissioner Seto.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Griffith stated he is Chair of the Subcommittee on Board/Commission Policies. He said the subcommittee is considering the creation of a Council liaison to the various Commissions so that Council would have a sense of the ways things work at Commission meetings. He said the Commissioners' opinions matter on this recommendation and their input is welcome.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. MOTION Approval of Draft Minutes of May 25, 2011, Special Joint Arts Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

MOTION: Vice Chair Hughes moved and Commissioner Seto seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

VOTE: 4-0 passed.

*Approved at 8/17/11 Arts Commission Meeting
*Amended at 9/21/11 Arts Commission Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. MOTION Art in Private Development (AIPD): Juniper Networks Campus/1133 Innovation Way (Campus II, Buildings II-A, II-B, II-C and II-D)

Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance presented the staff report and recommendation. She said this project is a multi-phased project that will incorporate artwork in several different locations and review of the proposed artwork will take place in several phases over an extended period of time. Coordinator Dance said the Commission is being asked to take action regarding the concept and design of the proposed artwork and its location.

Mr. Russ Nichols, Principal, RMW Architecture and Interiors, provided a presentation and information about the proposed artwork such as project and artwork location, selected artist, and artwork proposal. He gave each of the Commissioners a book from the selected artist so they could become familiar with the artist's work.

Mr. Peter Kaufman, Principal, Peters Studio, LLC, showed samples of the translucent, colored art glass panels with abstract patterns of words and phrases of inspiration and integrity. He will be working with the artist on any technical concerns when the art glass panels are installed.

Questions asked by the Commissioners included the strength of the glasswork, earthquake safety, the method used to install and secure the art glass panels, and code compliancy. In response to Commissioners' concerns about what would happen if the glass artwork panels were compromised, Mr. Kaufman said he is collaborating with the artist, will have templates prepared by the artist, and in a short time would be able to fabricate and recreate the art glass panels.

Commissioners questioned the 100% budget for stair art glass and the 50% budget for stair art glass. Mr. Nichols explained the artwork was broken out to a financial scale; the proposed locations for the 100% budget are in main stairwells facing the street along the stairwell facades and will be visible from a distance as well as to pedestrians and will be more robust. The 50% budget location will be in the back stairwells facing the back of the complex and will be less robust.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Chair Obrey moved and Commissioner Karun seconded to approve the artwork and its location as it is proposed.

Commissioner Hughes said she is hesitant to approve both locations since not all the information on the 50% budget location and design is before the Commission. She said there is insufficient information on how the artwork in the 50% budget location is going to be addressed.

Arts Coordinator Dance said all four buildings would have the same design and concept; however, the stairwells toward the back of the site will have fewer art glass panels. Staff has a good idea of the working plan and would not require the developer to return to the Commission to have the 50% budget location specifically approved.

Coordinator Dance said the Commission would have an opportunity to see the placement and scale of the remaining artwork at a later date since this is a multi-phase project

There was no further discussion.

VOTE: 3-1 passed. Commissioner Hughes dissented.

Commissioner Hughes said she is concerned because the remaining artwork will be 50% of budget and scale and visibility will be a concern. She would rather see the entire plan before making a recommendation.

3. DISCUSSION Work Plan Review

Staff provided an overview of the work plan and noted that September 21 is the last chance for the Commission to propose study/budget issues for 2012.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers and the Public Hearing was closed.

4. ELECTION Election of Officers for FY 11/12

Assistant to the Director Merrill provided a brief overview of the election procedures.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers and the Public Hearing was closed.

Nominations for Chair were opened.

Chair Obrey nominated himself.

Commissioner Seto nominated Commissioner Hughes who accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Chair were closed and the vote was taken.

VOTE for Commissioner Obrey for Chair: 0-1 failed.

VOTE for Commissioner Hughes for Chair: 4-0 passed.

Commissioner Hughes was declared Chair for FY 11/12.

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened.

Chair Hughes nominated Commissioner Seto who accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Vice Chair were closed and the vote was taken.

VOTE for Commissioner Seto for Vice Chair: 4-0 passed.

Commissioner Seto was declared Vice Chair for FY 11/12.

Commissioner Obrey handed the meeting over to Chair Hughes.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Obrey congratulated the new officers.

STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Assistant to the Director Merrill notified Commissioners that a mandatory Chair/Vice Chair training would be held on August 31, 2011, at 6 p.m. in the West Conference Room.

Assistant to the Director Merrill asked Commissioners to be mindful of the City's economic situation and keep fiscal implications in mind as they work through the study issues process.

Assistant to the Director provided the Commissioners with an update of the June 28, 2011, City Council actions regarding FY 11/12 budget reductions for Community Services and Recreation programs.

All level 1 reductions

- Closure of Lakewood Pool at close of summer session (August 14)
 - Parks will be taking the lead in developing alternative park amenities for Council consideration
- Close senior lunch program
- Service level reduction in teen programming
- Elimination of two vacant Senior Office Assistant positions and one vacant Staff Office Assistant position

Increase fees to recover a higher percentage of costs or make programs cost neutral

- After school programs at Sunnyvale Middle School
- Implementation of two-tier membership system at Senior Center
- Increase field rental rates for youth sports groups
- Increase fees associated with adult pottery
- Increase fees associated with adult sports leagues

It is Council's priority to serve Sunnyvale residents; however, non-residents are welcome in our programs and facilities. In developing fees and charges, staff considers that Sunnyvale residents support recreation and parks programs and facilities through City taxes. A surcharge is applied to non-resident fees to offset a portion of overhead and infrastructure costs.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Informational Bulletins

- FY 11/12 Budget Reductions for Community Services and Recreation Programs
- Non-Resident Fees for Recreation Programs

Community Services Division Org Chart

Parks/Trees/Golf Division Org Charts

Commission Contact Information

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

<p>Respectfully submitted:</p> <p>Karen Smith Recording Secretary Community Services Division Department of Library and Community Services</p>	<p>Reviewed by:</p> <p>Cathy E. Merrill Assistant to the Director Department of Utilities</p>
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