



DRAFT MINUTES

SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in regular session in City Hall West Conference Room at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 at 7 p.m. with Vice Chair Seto presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Seto called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Vice Chair Tracy Seto
Commissioner Misuk Park
Commissioner Shawnte Santos

Commissioners Absent:

Chair Noelle Hughes (absence undetermined)
Commissioner Vinita Karun (absence undetermined)

Council Liaison:

Mayor Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri (present)

Staff Present:

Superintendent of Community Services Nancy Bolgard Steward
Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance
Administrative Aide Karen Smith

Others:

Ms. Kita Greenberg, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA)
Ms. Sherry Thannisch, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA)

By general agreement, Commissioner Karun's absence from the meeting of December 21, 2011, was determined to be unexcused.

Vice Chair Seto thanked Mayor Spitaleri for joining the meeting. Mayor Spitaleri said it was a pleasure to attend the meeting, and it will help him make better decisions in the future in areas of concern to the Arts Commission such as the use of Park Dedication funds.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. MOTION Approval of Draft Minutes of December 21, 2011

MOTION: Commissioner Park moved and Commissioner Santos seconded to approve Consent Calendar Item 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: 3-0 motion passed. Chair Hughes and Commissioner Karun were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Art in Private Development: 301 and 401 Old San Francisco Road/Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF)

Visual Arts Coordinator Dance presented the staff report. She provided information about the proposed artwork and requested the Commission's action on the final design and location.

Mr. David Jury, Vice President Support Services and Facilities Development, Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF), discussed the project in general and explained the reasons why Mr. Larry Kirkland was the selected artist. He said that PAMF cares for about 50% of Sunnyvale residents and the public is welcome to view the art and the healing garden.

Mr. Curtis Snyder, Hawley Peterson and Snyder Architects, described the PAMF facility and the artwork locations adjacent to the main entry and courtyard area. He showed samples of the engraved and colored glasswork melding images of healing, health, strength, nature and beauty.

Commissioner Santos questioned the image of the willow that represents the Native Americans use of willow bark for natural relief of pain and fever; she said the willow has a dual meaning and also represents mortality. Mr. Jury said there would be a plaque describing the artwork.

Commissioner Park asked about glass safety and the painting process. Mr. Jury said all building codes would be followed, and the color on the glass would not fade because it is created using a photographic process that is printed on the inside of the artwork and not exposed to the elements.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Park moved and Commissioner Santos seconded to approve the proposed artwork as it is proposed.

Commissioner Santos said the artwork is fun and whimsical.

Commissioner Park said the artwork meets all required criteria. The artist has an impressive resume; the artwork is theme appropriate to the purpose of the PAMF facility and is well integrated into the architecture; the artwork is readily accessible and adds visual appeal to Sunnyvale. The imagery is appropriate and fits well together. There is more to the images than a single associated thought; the images are very layered. The job of art is to provoke thought, and she looks forward to having the artwork in our city.

VOTE: 3-0 motion passed. Chair Hughes and Commissioner Karun were absent.

3. Approve Master Work Plan

Superintendent Steward reviewed the master work plan. She noted the May 23, 2012, joint study session and meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. She explained that Study Issue LCS 12-02 Review Effectiveness of Existing Art in Private Development Policies and Practices would go to the Commission on July 18 and to the Council on August 14, 2012. Superintendent Steward answered questions about conditions in which a developer can donate art in private development-in-lieu fees.

MOTION: Commissioner Santos moved and Commissioner Park seconded to approve the master work plan.

No discussion.

VOTE: 3-0 motion passed. Chair Hughes and Commissioner Karun were absent.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION MEMBERS Oral Comments

Mayor Spitaleri informed Commissioners about the collaboration between non-profit Sunnyvale Community Services and the Sunnyvale Art Gallery. Fundraiser profits will be donated to Sunnyvale Community Services, and the exhibit will feature works of art donated by local artists. Superintendent Steward said details of the exhibit would be provided to the Commissioners.

STAFF Oral Comments - None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- Study Issue LCS 12-02 Review Effectiveness of Existing Art in Private Development Policies and Practices

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Seto adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Library and Community Services Department

Reviewed by:

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Library and Community Services Department