

Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2014 5:30pm

PAC Members: Alex Van Praagh, Christopher Sokolowski, David De Celis, Hue T. Nguyen

Staff: Lillian Hsu, Jeremy Gaucher

1. Meeting Dates

Meetings will move to Wednesday's at 6pm going forward. The following are the proposed dates for 2014.

March 19

April 16

May 14

June 18

July 16

August 13

Sept 17

Oct 15

Nov 12

Dec 10

2. PAC Chairperson

Lillian has spoken with Alex Van Praagh about being chair, helping to set the monthly agenda and lead the public meetings. Alex is open to taking on the role if the group would ask that of him.

David De Celis moves to elect Alex Chair. Vote: All in Favor.

3. Conflict of Interest Policy

David has been trying to rectify possible future conflicts of interest with regards to the possibility of future dealings with the city in the course of his practice. Arts Council Director Jason Weeks and David have been trying to clarify this position with the City Attorney regarding 'Special Municipal Employee' status. Lillian will follow up with Jason to see where things stand on the issue.

4. Future PAC Agenda

Items for future PAC agenda: Public Art Documents review; the cap on the 1%; creating policy for pooling smaller funds; future joint meetings with the Advisory Board of the CAC.

5. Public Art Process

We are working towards having a model that can then be tailored for each individual project. Handout: Draft handout review. Staff walked PAC through the flow of our current review process. Chart to be updated with feedback for next meeting.

6. Project Updates

Fern Street

The community meeting for Artist Selection will be on April 2 at Department of Public Works at 5:30pm. The four finalists will present to selection committee comprised of residents, the original art jury, PAC members (David will attend, Alex may attend), and project personnel.

Cambridge Street Underpass

The project is significantly stalled due to problems with the lighting company. The current level of lighting is not up to the quality that had been intended due to a flawed field test with a fixture that ultimately was not the product that was finally installed. The lights are currently on in case of early failure (while under warranty). The artist and city staff are trying to determine the best course of corrective action to find a suitable outcome. A possibility is moving all of the fixtures in each tunnel into tighter groupings and perhaps just one side. PAC recommends using the outer walls and the far ends of each tunnel in this scenario for the best possible visibility for drivers and passengers.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm