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Public Art Committee Meeting
November 19, 2015

Present: Debbie Williamson-Smith, Joe Moore, Courtney Stubbert, Jennifer Knapp, Justin Lamphear, Betsy Wolfston, Committee Members; Isaac Marquez, Cultural Services staff.

Absent: Mike Penwell, Robin Selover, Committee Members; Tomi Douglas-Anderson, Cultural Services Director.

Approval of Minutes

The October minutes were approved with a correction.

Mural Program Update/Discussion

Joe reported that the search for sites has resulted in discovering many opportunities for potential locations with the focus being on the downtown and University areas. He gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of the potential sites for the committee. Joe pointed out this is just a starting point and that Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art is a partner so would need to comment on the sites.

Debbie said she will bring list of artists slated to be brought in for 2017 to the next meeting so monies can be combined in order to make the project happen. Isaac said we can also look for opportunities to bring other artists to Eugene and potentially get on their schedules. Joe will provide a list of property addresses so either Brenda or Isaac can look up the property owners.

Committee members shared their ideas about other potential sites around town that could be available. The next steps will be to get property addresses, research ownership of the properties, and develop a list of artists.

Public Art Maintenance Update

Isaac reported the Airport will be working with the Public Art Committee on the re-location of the Flying People. He also shared that maintenance has been completed on the Marker of Origin, Japanese-American Memorial, Ken Kelsey and Eugene Skinner statues.

Willamette to Willamette Discussion

Jennifer showed a PowerPoint on the Willamette to Willamette project; the purpose is to create a connection from urban space to the river. She shared that preliminary community engagement has taken place and a survey is currently out for the community to give feedback about how they use 8th Avenue and how they view it. Jennifer stated that the response has been good and the general opinion is that 8th is not working very well for cars or pedestrians. She said there is an opportunity to integrate public art into the design process.

Committee members discussed the potential opportunities for art and what would be appropriate and not compete with nature (the river). Jennifer will stay in touch with PAC about the project and let them know if an opportunity arises for a member to assist with the design.

Public Artists in Residence Discussion

Isaac reported that 1,000 square feet has been secured for this project. Isaac is meeting with the other tenant to discuss how we work out an agreement to share space. Once an agreement has been reached, Isaac will draft call to artists.

City Hall Update/Discussion

A meeting is scheduled for December 2. The City will be asking for a recommendation from the committee on the Andrew Vincent mural at that meeting.

Isaac explained that a different model is going to be used for selecting an artist for the City Hall project because there is a need for an artist to come in and be part of the decision making process. There will be an RFQ process, interviews with artists, and a winner selected based on interviews. Isaac said this will give the selected artist a chance to work with the architects and designers and then create a proposal for the committee to review.

Justin asked if there was higher cost to this process. Isaac said he believes it will save money. After much discussion about the process, committee members agreed that, ultimately, involving the artist in the design process is best.

Isaac's reviewed the funding for the project and asked the committee to approve the budget he presented for the process. He reminded the committee they had previously agreed on using 80% of the public art fund for this project. Justin asked for clarification that the budget would be \$147K with the contingency being \$5K plus whatever additional amount is added to the project. Isaac said we could cap it not to exceed \$14,700 if the committee chose. Justin expressed concern about the contingency amount and how it will be used, suggesting that we be very specific about what a contingency item is in order to protect the budget for the project.

Justin made a motion to approve the proposal as presented with follow up from Isaac on what qualifies as a contingency item (from Isaac); Joe seconded motion; the committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Isaac will return to group with a list of contingency items.