

Session 10-05 a Special Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 5:05 P.M. on November 29, 2010 by Chair Angie Newby at Cowles Council Chambers located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEEMEMBERS MILLER, NEWBY, WOLFE, FELLOWS, APLIN

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

The Public Arts Committee met in a worksession from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. prior to the Special Meeting. On the agenda was discussion on Special Meeting Agenda items.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MILLER/WOLFE - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Minutes are only approved during regular meeting.)

There were no minutes for approval.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

- A. Staff Report - Administrative Guidelines Status
 - a. Documents used when drafting revisions to guidelines
 - b. Memorandum to Mayor and Council dated October 13, 2010
 - c. Memorandum to Mayor and Council dated September 10, 2010
 - d. Memorandum to Mayor and Council dated September 10, 2010
 - e. Current Administrative Guidelines

Deputy City Clerk reported that she listened to the audio of the Council meeting and established that there was to be a written opinion by the City Attorney prior to the next Council meeting. The Clerk noted that most of his recommendations were and had been approved by previous Councils. There were no recent changes to them. The following represents a partial listing of his recommended changes:

1. Proposed Artists Rights, Lines 329-333, Under "Additional Oversight by Public Arts Committee" recommended removal.

2. Lines 307-321 reference Exhibits A, B and C and there are no exhibits attached. If exhibits are cited, they should be included. Remove there are no exhibits to be found.
3. The term used throughout the document "Municipal Art Collection" is not clearly defined as to what the "Municipal Art Collection" is and what is incorporates.
4. That these changes should be made by ordinance not resolution since that is how this Committee was created and established.
5. Lines 35-49 Composition HCC 18.07.060 appointments made by Council, in Guidelines these appointments are made by the Mayor and confirmed by Council.
6. Councilmember Howard expressed concerns on limiting the meeting time within the Resolution to 90 minutes and felt the Committee should be able to govern them appropriately.
7. These changes were postponed again until the December 13, 2010 Council meeting to allow the City Attorney to submit his written opinion.

Deputy City Clerk Krause further explained that in this packet there was a memo to approve the 2011 meeting schedule and since Council has not approved the recommended changes she consulted the City Clerk who recommended that they approve the current meeting time of third Thursday at 11:00 a.m. with a note that the meeting day and time will be the second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. once approved by Council.

Chair Newby explained that the concern on the Artist's Rights and De-accessioning, about why did they go to the artist to ask permission, by the City Council. Reviewing the Guidelines, they did broaden quite a bit of things and the committees' authority. Deputy City Clerk responded that this concept is perceived by a number of City Staff that the committee wants more power. She expressed that was far from the direction they intended with the changes and is one of the reasons why she included the excerpts from the City of Anchorage, the State of Alaska and Tacoma, WA. in this packet for review.

Chair Newby countered that she did not want to reinvent the wheel and it was not the intent to grab more authority for the committee.

Further discussion on the recommended changes examined that they are a standing committee of the City Council and should follow the same guidelines as all the Commissions and Board. It is stated that everyone is to have the same format with the agenda, attendance policies, meeting times and days, etc. The current guidelines do not include those rules. It was noted that as the times change they are getting to be a more involved committee and for example: two recent events like the Firewise Mural and the Jean Keene Memorial there was no direction or policy on how to handle these things. This update to the guidelines will offer future committees direction. Chair Newby stated she has an appointment with the City Manager on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. to try to find out what the main concerns are and what assurances the committee can offer regarding these concerns. She will email the results of this meeting to Ms. Krause so she can distribute to the Committee. This will be considered at a Special Meeting with the City Attorney present on December 13, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. It was noted that the Council would most likely follow the Attorney's recommendations. There was concern regarding if they can meet monthly. Ms. Aplin noted that she listened to meeting on the radio and her opinion was that the concerns were minor. Chair Newby expressed that she may have more concern than is warranted.

A brief dialogue ensued on the meeting times, place and day and why this was not approved and is being postponed by Council.

The Committee members confirmed that the second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. was good for everyone. There was concern on the having the worksession during the workday. There is so much accomplished that if you miss even 15 minutes you have missed so much. It was agreed to not hold any worksessions for the time being and that they may have longer meetings to encompass all the discussion.

The discussion warped into the 1% for the Art Program oversight and the Committee expressed interest in the status of the City Hall Renovation and if it would have 1% for the Arts included. The Committee requested information on the following projects in regards to the 1%: Spit Trail – Interpretative Signage, Pioneer Avenue and City Hall. Deputy City Clerk Krause confirmed that the Public is welcome and no budget has been defined

with line items, etc. Committee member questioned that Chair Newby bring up the 1% for Art with the City Manager since she believes that this project falls under the requirements, not just using existing art.

Deputy City Clerk Krause responded she would provide information on those projects for the next meeting.

Ms. Miller thanked the Clerk for the comparative information included in the packet. This was very helpful.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

PENDING BUSINESS

- A. Gateways
 - 1. Airport

Committee member Aplin stated that no dates have been set for a dedication ceremony for the new mural. She intends to meet with Ms. Hobbs to see what can be arranged. Chair Newby commented it would be a good kick off for the New Year if it were held in January. She further stated in response to a question posed by Committee member Fellows, that it would be great to have each member take a walk through of the facility and think about gallery spaces and think about other recommendations. The Committee responded that end of January would be good as this would allow them the time to invite even state representatives. Determine what worked best for the various partners. It was noted that 5:00 p.m. or later on Wednesday or Thursday is typically the best time. It would be nice to have some type of refreshments too. It would be nice to have a Public Art display for information.

Chair Newby note that Michael Armstrong with the Homer News wanted to do another article on this also. It would be nice to have some ideas to present to Ms. Hobbs before the start of the season.

Further comments on the mural and praise for the work and efforts of Committee member Aplin were given by Chair Newby and Committee member Fellows.

There was no further discussion or comments.

- 2. Baycrest Hill Overlook Area

Chair Newby introduced the item by title and asked for the direction of the Committee.

Committee member Fellows stated that last conversation was there was no funding available. The sign is owned by the Chamber of Commerce and their focus is on the current building. She is not sure when they would be re-focused on new signage. It was commented that if there were the opportunity for new signage they would move the old sign to another location.

Discussion ensued regarding a grass roots efforts on educating the public, previous discussions on informational kiosks, the scenic byways grant, grant guidelines were very difficult to understand and navigate, ownership of the pullout and surrounding lands, the assistance of Special Projects Coordinator Holen with the grant process, the DOT involvement.

Deputy City Clerk Krause will contact Special Projects Coordinator Holen on the Scenic Byways Grant process.

Committee member Aplin did a brief search and the Byways Grant information has not been updated for 2011.

This can be on the agenda for discussion for the next meeting.

There was no further discussion.

3. Marine Highways/Ferry Terminal

Chair Newby stated that a recent visit to the Terminal verified that there was no artwork what so ever present. Committee member Miller will forward this information to Charlotte Fox with the State Art Council.

Deputy City Clerk Krause will check the status on if the building is state owned or city owned and forward that information to Ms. Miller.

There was no further discussion or comments.

B. Website

Deputy City Clerk Krause explained that the website is a work in progress and some personalization for the Public Arts Committee Page can be done. It was further explained that a listing of the artwork with a brief description may work on the website but not sure yet. This will likely not be addressed until after the New Year. They will be able to display in the banner the works of art that is around town.

Deputy City Clerk Krause will check on the status of the remaining funds and see if there may be enough to get professional photos of the artwork for the website.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 Strategic Plan

The Committee discussed meeting in December and agreed with schedules and the holiday it would not be feasible. The members agreed on the second Thursday in January at 5:00 p.m. for another special meeting to wrap up some miscellaneous odds and ends and address the Strategic Plan for next year. They would not have a worksession prior to that meeting. Committee member Wolfe will be in Hawaii at that time. Everyone else will be able to make it. Deputy City Clerk Krause checked the calendar and the date was available.

The committee agreed by consensus to postpone discussion to the January 13, 2011 special meeting at 5:00 p.m.

B. 2011 Meeting Schedule

Chair Newby introduced the memorandum and requested a motion to approve. She read the dates as shown for the regular meeting as February 17, May 19, August 18 and November 17, 2011.

WOLFE/MILLER - MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2011 MEETING SCHEDULE WITH THE CAVEAT THAT ONCE THE PROPOSED MEETING TIME AND DAY CHANGE IS APPROVED IT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE MEETING SCHEDULE.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. November 2010 ASCA Communiqué Newsletter
- B. Memorandum dated September 29, 2010 from Sheri Hobbs to Mayor and City Council Re: Airport Mural
- C. PAC Statement for Visitor Information Guide
- D. Firewise Mural Dedication

Chair Newby stated that the Firewise Mural Dedication was really well attended, the representatives from State and Federal offices were middle and upper management staff people and excited that Homer embraced this concept; the Mayor, City Manager and Council member Wythe attended; the Fire Chiefs from Cooper Landing, Anchor Point, and Soldotna she believed attended.

There was no further discussion.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was no audience present.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is assigned)*

None.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Krause commented that the Committee has done a great job.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Newby has extended an invitation towards council to attend and will again. She commented on the article in the Homer News edition on November 11, 2010. She pointed out that they are receiving support from Mayor and Council. She requested the members to keep looking for new members that they are still two short; and thanked everyone for all their hard work; and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Miller is excited about having a dedication in January and clearing up the meeting times.

Ms. Wolfe said see you all the end of January.

Ms. Fellows commented that it was a good workshop and good meeting.

Ms. Aplin thanked the Clerk.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. A special meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

Renee Krause, Deputy City Clerk I

Approved: _____