

Session 11-02 A Regular Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 5:05 P.M. on February 10, 2011 by Chair Angie Newby in Mayor's Conference Room located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEEMEMBERS NEWBY, FELLOWS, APLIN, AND WOLFE

ABSENT: COMMITTEEMEMBER MILLER (EXCUSED)

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

A Worksession was held prior to the regular meeting 4:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. Items discussed were funding opportunities for the Gateways Project at Baycrest Hill.

AGENDA APPROVAL

WOLFE/APLIN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN.

The agenda was approved by Consensus of the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Minutes are only approved during regular meeting.)

- A. Special Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2010
- B. Special Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2010
- C. Special Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2011

Chair Newby noted that this is the first regular meeting since the last regular meeting. She requested a motion to approve each individually or altogether.

WOLFE/APLIN - MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2010, NOVEMBER 29, 2010 AND JANUARY 13, 2011 AS WRITTEN.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

- A. Staff Report dated February 3, 2011
 - 1. Approved Administrative Guidelines with Exhibits A, C, and D

Ms. Krause reported that Council requested the exhibits mentioned in the Guidelines be included. Ms. Krause explained to the committee that she has located and included Exhibit A, Sample Request for Proposal; Exhibit C, Art Selection Proposal Review; and Exhibit D, Sample Contract between City of Homer and Artist. She stated that Exhibit B, a brochure entitled "Special Considerations for Art in Public Places" has not been located. A review of minutes dating back to the inception of the committee shows that there was discussion on creating this brochure and including it with all requests for proposals issued.

Discussion ensued on what the content of this brochure might contain and if there were any mention of a draft document or would this need to be created from scratch and if this should be added to the Strategic Plan for 2011. Staff stressed the importance of completing this document before the end of the year since it is a requirement of Council to include in the revised Guidelines.

APLIN/WOLFE – MOVED TO ADD CREATION OF BROCHURE ENTITLED SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ART IN PUBLIC PLACES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Ms. Wolfe will work on a draft of the brochure. She will research previous forms and documents used for past RFP's issued and bring to the next meeting for review and comment.

The next item in the report was the Municipal Art Collection catalog. Discussion included the following points:

- This was to be a bound document to contain documentation of all artwork owned by the City.
- How to catalogue all items of artwork such as Sister City items.
- It is not a project that needs to be completed this year but does need to be started.
- Quality pictures are needed on each of the items.
- Uniform signage for the artwork such as a display in a museum would have on it is needed.
- What budget is there for art display information and identification plates?
- Could they issue a Request for Proposal - Does not require a professional photographer can be amateur or offer as an opportunity for a Homer High School Senior Project.
- Road Map – What do we need to do first?

Chair Newby requested this to be on the next agenda under pending business. Further discussion postponed to the Gateways Pending Business item on whether to have a special meeting or worksession.

Ms. Krause reported that she was working on the Art Walk Brochure. She has many samples and most depict the simple layout showing picture and location, along with a simple street map. Ms. Krause stated she would have a draft ready for the next regular meeting in May for approval. She will contact Ms. Erickson on having the brochures on her tour bus.

Chair Newby stated that they held a discussion on the selection committee jury during the worksession and Michele Miller volunteered to be the PAC member for the selection committee. The committee reviewed the requirements for the makeup of the selection committee. Chair Newby noted they needed a representative from each department plus an artist. Comments made by the Committee members were noted offering the opportunity to each department. Staff stated that the department heads were on the Task Force and could be the members on the selection committee.

A brief discussion ensued on proposed design, locations for each department in the building and that this project was part of the 1% for the Arts Project due to the dollar amount involved in the renovations and building addition but the \$15,000 allocated would not purchase much. Suggestions included one signature piece or proper display of existing artwork in the building. Ms. Miller will be invited to attend the City Hall Renovation & Expansion Task Force meeting on March 21, 2011. Along with other members appointed to the selection committee. Staff explained that the expedited schedule for design and construction start added

additional obstacles such as composing the selection committee, issuing a request for proposal for art and then review and selection, all before final design. This item was requested to be on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

There was no further discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Gateways

1. Baycrest Hill Rest Area

Chair Newby stated they discussed this in depth at the worksession and Special Projects Coordinator Anne Marie Holen offered to find funding opportunities for Baycrest Hill as long as she received the blessings of the City Manager. Ms. Aplin will contact Roger McCampbell with the Alaska State Parks regarding the history and information on the Baycrest rest area; Terry Thompson with the Research Reserve has volunteered to locate funding for signage.

Chair Newby indicated that they will try to speak with Ben Ellis, Director of Alaska State Parks and Joel Hard, Superintendent, Lake Clark National Park, will be contacted during the Airport Mural dedication to see if they would be interested in collaborating with the Public Arts Committee on the revamping of Baycrest Hill. Chair Newby commented that former committee member Carol Harding has been very helpful in advising where and who the Committee can contact to get the revitalization of the Baycrest Hill pull out started.

The committee discussed having a worksession next month, March 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

There was no further discussion.

2. Airport

a. Grand Opening

Ms. Marianne Aplin stated that she has been able to coordinate a date of February 17, 2011, 5:00 p.m. for the Ribbon cutting ceremony at the Homer Airport.

Dignitaries invited are Mayor Hornaday, Airport Manager Sheri Hobbs, Steve Delehenty, Refuge Manager, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge; Ben Ellis, Director Alaska State Parks; Roger McCampbell, Homer; Kathlene Rowell and Meg Anderson, Project Coordination and Design; Joel Hard, Superintendent, Lake Clarke National Park; and Elaine Wasserman with the National Park System.

Ms. Aplin reported that a press release was forwarded to the local newspapers regarding the celebration being held to recognize the efforts and the Public Arts Committee will be included. Michael Armstrong with the Homer News was invited to the event. Although Ms. Aplin stated she is still waiting for confirmation of attendance for some of the invited dignitaries.

The committee discussed providing refreshments and Ms. Aplin was waiting a response from Mr. McCampbell. She will notify staff if this will be required. Ms. Fellows requested removing the chairs from the area during the dedication.

Chair Newby congratulated Ms. Aplin on her success again and for spearheading this project.

The Committee members commented on the relatively short time line from conception to completion of this project.

There was no further discussion.

3. Ferry Terminal

Chair Newby summarized the current status of this gateway. The land is leased but the building is state owned. It will be up to the state to implement something. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda and to check with the State Council on the Arts to see what would be accomplished.

There was no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Art Walk Brochure

Chair Newby inquired if additional discussion was needed. She thanked staff for taking control on this project and not leaving it languishing. The Committee looked forward to seeing what staff created for them.

There was no further discussion.

B. Alaska State Council on the Arts
Homer Strategic Community Conversation 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. March 23, 2011
Location: Homer Council on the Arts

Chair Newby stated this was an important event and everybody should attend if their schedules permitted. Ms. Wolfe commented that she would be attending this event.

Ms. Krause noted she received a recent email from the State Council on the Arts that contained information on grants and may offer possible funding alternatives to projects and requesting interested parties to complete a survey. Ms. Krause will forward the email to the committee members and to Ms. Holen.

There was no further discussion or comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Ordinance 10-55(A), Adopting Homer City Code Chapter 1.70, Public Arts Committee; Amending Homer City Code 18.07.040, Implementation; 18.07.050, Selection; 18.07.060, Program Administration; Public Arts Committee; and 18.07.070, Exemptions Regarding Appointment, Composition, and Functions of the Public Arts Committee.

There was a brief discussion on the changes implemented regarding the makeup of the committee and the number of members being reduced from seven to five. Ms. Wolfe expressed a concern with limiting the resident/non-resident membership on the committee. The committee members appreciated the idea of needing only three members for a quorum. They discussed briefly that Councilmember Zak volunteered for the position on the committee. Chair Newby commented that she would contact Mr. Zak regarding the next meeting.

B. Resolution 10-80, Amending the Public Arts Administrative Guidelines

C. Resolution 10-81(A), Establishing the Second Thursday at 5:00 p.m., Not to Exceed Ninety Minutes as the Regular Quarterly Meeting day, Time and Length.

Chair Newby commented that they may want to meet next month for a worksession on March 10, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. but should wait to see if there may be some participation telephonically or in person from there possible partners.

D. January Newsletter from Alaska State Council on the Arts – Communiqué

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

None.

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

None.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

Deputy City Clerk Krause had no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

Chair Newby commented she really appreciated everyone attending the worksession, the committee obtained some great information and the assistance of Anne Marie Holen. Chair Newby reported that the Poopdeck Trail Sign on Pioneer has been removed. It was unsalvageable; since the sign, was anchored in cement, there was no intrinsic value after Public Works personnel completed the job. It is one more item task completed on the Strategic Plan.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Ms. Fellows this has been a good meeting and she will try to attend the ceremony at the airport. She hopes the chairs will be removed. She would like to have a meeting prior to the first cruise ship landing in May or June to finalize the Art Walk Brochure.

Ms. Aplin stated it is so exciting and thanked Ms. Krause for all her hard work.

Ms. Wolfe was glad to be back and making such progress on the projects; completing one and taking on another; she agreed that the airport should be kept on the agenda because the letters for the sign are in terrible need of replacement or some kind of attention.

A brief discussion on this project being considered art for funding of replacing the letters on the sign. The existing letters are plastic and cannot be seen due to the fading and color.

Additional discussion on scheduling a worksession in March and Special Meeting in April was held and since the matters of Baycrest Hill and the Art Walk brochure were time sensitive the committee agreed by consensus to schedule a worksession for March 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. and the Special Meeting for April 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m. A Worksession will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2011 in Cowles Council Chambers; A Special Meeting will be held on April 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room Upstairs, City Hall. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall, Cowles Council Chambers 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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