



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
**DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE
& CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

**San Antonio Arts Commission
Public Art Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

9am

**Plaza de Armas
115 Plaza de Armas
San Antonio, TX 78205**

Members Present

Suhail Arastu - Mayoral
Rene Barilleaux - Mayoral
Eduardo Garcia – Mayoral (Vice-Chair)
Jessica Sanchez - Mayoral

Members absent

Yadhira Lozano – D3
Valeria Hernandez – D5
Freda Facey – D9

Staff

Debbie Racca-Sittre
James LeFlore
Sarah Yates
Lisa Biediger
Alma Lozano
Henry Estrada
Lauren Faske

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Eduardo Garcia.

Roll Call taken by Sarah Yates.

Approval of minutes:

a. Motion: Jessica Sanchez set forth a motion to approve the Public Art Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on April 5, 2016. Rene Barilleaux seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion approved.

Sculpture Trail Concept Design (Action Item)

James LeFlore shared the overview of the project that has been proposed by Jack Guenther, Briscoe Western Art Museum Board Member. The proposed concept design incorporates 6 existing sculptures from the Public Art Inventory as well as the creation of 8 new sculptures to create a sculpture trail between the Alamo and the Briscoe Western Art Museum.

Mr. LeFlore stated that the sculpture trail completion would be part of the celebration of the Tricentennial. Mr. LeFlore went on to give more information on the concept including the footprint of the trail that takes into consideration utility and accessibility. Lastly Mr. LeFlore went over the next steps which include developing interpretive signage, funding for artwork which would be estimated to cost \$125k each.

Jack Guenther presented to the Committee a new updated proposed sculpture trail artist list.

Mr. Garcia stated that he appreciated the Briscoe's efforts.

Suhail Arastu stated that he liked what a sculpture trail creates and especially the interactive component.

Ms. Sanchez stated that a sculpture trail really creates a destination.

Mr. Garcia added that he hoped considerations on anchoring, lighting, safety as well as text for signage and accuracy would be made at the final design level. He also hoped that the trail would be considered part of a permanent collection. Mr. Guenther confirmed it would be a permanent collection and that Lake Flato Architects were involved in the design of the bases and anchoring.

Mr. Arastu asked about maintenance plan. Mr. Guenther stated there would possibly left over funds for maintenance plan.

Mr. Barilleaux asked if the Sculpture Trail ownership would be the City of San Antonio. Mr. Guenther stated it would be added to the City's permanent collection.

Motion: Mr. Arastu set forth a motion to approve the Sculpture Trail Concept Design. Jessica Sanchez seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion approved.

Mud Creek Artist Selection (Action Item)

Mr. LeFlore shared the background on the Mud Creek project including the location, budget, selection panelist information. He then went on to share information and previous completed projects by the panel recommended artist, Leticia Huerta. He stated that Leticia Huerta was a local artist that stood out among the very broad artist pool.

Motion: Mr. Barilleaux set forth a motion to approve the Mud Creek Artist Selection of Leticia Huerta. Ms. Sanchez seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion approved.

Announcements and Reports

Mr. LeFlore gave a report on the Art Inventory located at Hemisfair Park stating that several projects have either been removed and placed in storage due to deterioration or restored and relocated because of construction.

Mr. Garcia asked about the possibility of creating a report to see if there is an opportunity to create funding for restoration and maintenance of existing projects. Debbie Racca-Sittre responded that the type of funds used for public art cannot be used for maintenance and that maintenance should be taken upon ownership of the project, for example if the project is in a park the Parks and Recreation department would be in charge of maintaining the infrastructure. Mr. Garcia added that it would be

helpful to look for community partners to help with the restoration and maintenance of existing projects.

Citizens to be Heard

Anna Chowdhury – San Antonio Museum of Art

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Arastu set forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Barilleaux seconded the motion.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Approved unanimously, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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