
Minutes

Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee

Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission

March 24, 2009

Minutes of the Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee meeting that took place at 5 p.m. on March 24, 2009, in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman – Chair
Judy Ellison
Shirlee King

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert Bortfeld

City Staff Present:

Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael A. Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Betsy Fahlman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Museum Renovation Artwork Proposal

- Elizabeth Lagman, city of Tempe Public Art Specialist, presented the committee with images submitted by UrbanRock Design in regards to the proposed public art for the Tempe Historical Museum Renovation Project.
- E. Lagman reported that UrbanRock Design is proposing to create six 4'x 6' colorful panels depicting images viewed from photographs archived in the Tempe Historical Museum; E. Lagman presented the committee with a single maquette of one of the proposed panels. Lagman further reported that each panel is to be approximately 21 inches off of the ground.
- E. Lagman expressed that UrbanRock Design's panels will be presented throughout the Tempe Community Center Complex and are meant to be teasers that lead you to the museum's main entrance.
- E. Lagman reminded the committee that the principal architect for the Tempe Historical Museum Renovation project is Phil Weddle of Weddle & Gilmore Architects.
- E. Lagman stated that she intended to invite Dan Miller, Tempe Historical Museum Senior Curator, to speak to the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) members

and present them with an update in regards to the Tempe Historical Museum Renovation at the regularly-scheduled TMAC meeting taking place at 6 p.m. on May 13 in the Tempe Center for the Arts (TCA) 201 Lounge. Lagman added that Eric Iwersen, city of Tempe Sr. Transportation Planner, will also be present at the TMAC meeting (May 13) to discuss the Crosscut Canal Multiuse Path Phase II project.

MOTION: Judy Ellison moved to approve UrbanRock Design's proposed public art pieces as presented.

SECOND: Shirlee King seconded.

DECISION: UrbanRock Design's proposed public art pieces approved as presented.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- Elizabeth Lagman reported that she met with visual artist Erin Shie Palmer and architect Bill Williams of Engberg Anderson to discuss the Tempe Public Library Renovation project. Lagman added that Williams led both herself and Palmer on a tour of the library; Williams and Palmer discussed possible spaces to integrate art into the renovation designs.
- Shirlee King requested an update in regards to the Double Butte Cemetery Public Art Opportunity; E. Lagman stated that the project has been put on hold due to the present status of the city of Tempe budget.
- Betsy Fahlman encouraged the committee members to view the exhibition *Chihuly: The Nature of Glass*. Artist Dale Chihuly has been influential within the Studio Glass Movement; working in a free-form manner, Chihuly's approach has been described by viewers as "liquid light." Tickets are required to view Chihuly's exhibition; admissions may be purchased online at dbg.org or by phone at 480.481.8188.
- S. King encouraged the committee members to view the Chihuly exhibition in the daytime as well as in the evening; King suggested that the committee members begin viewing the exhibition at 6 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 - Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Betsy Fahlman at 5:28 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael A. Peterson

Reviewed by: Elizabeth Lagman