



Public Art Advisory Committee

Action Minutes

April 27, 2021 3:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Called to Order at 3:32 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mayor Davis, Council Member Cunningham, Park & Recreation Commissioner Bonnie Bologoff, Park & Recreation Commissioner Leesa Greenlee, Committee Member Danette Davis, Committee Member Beth Grossman, Committee Member Camille Olivier-Salmon

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Assistant City Manager Schillinger, Admin.
Management Analyst Ibarra

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consider Next Steps for Skatepark Mural

Schillinger gave an overview about the project and possible options to next steps: Approve and bring to Council; Work with the artist to change the design; Ask Council to go for a new proposal or idea with current artist or a new artist.

Salmon would like to begin again with a new RFP with more conceptual direction and to include the ground in front of the wall, as well as more description of the activities of people in the area from the skaters and basketball players as well as the park users. She also asked whether the artist has been compensated. She also thought that the concept was changed too much by the Committee.

Schillinger said the artist has been compensated \$10k. Schillinger reviewed the RFP and the ground was an option for the artists, and the RFP discussed, along with photos, the users within the area surrounding the space.

M. Davis commented that the Committee was divided on the artist chosen from the beginning, but she has concern about starting from the beginning with a new artist. How do we prevent that from happening again?

Bologoff would like to start the process from the beginning.

D. Davis said she felt the concept was essentially the same from the original proposal. The Committee only discussed color changes, adding a skater, lightening the stars, etc. Most of the discussion and changes were focused on the people. She feels that we should continue forward with the current proposal but make some changes.

Greenlee would like to see the people be removed altogether as she feels people in murals “don’t age well”. She feels that it is too busy and commercial feeling, and would like to see the images sharper, cleaner and less busy. She likes the skateboarder and would like to salvage the mural.

M. Davis agrees with removing the people.

Grossman also agrees with Greenlee. She would like to see the mural expand past the butterfly and stars. Or perhaps reduce the size of the butterfly. What about the mural being led by the community and hiring an art director to oversee. She asked whether the funds come from the Public Arts fund.

Schillinger confirmed that it does come from the Public Arts fund.

Cunningham didn’t want a butterfly either, but that was the consensus of the group. Who gets to decide? How do we resolve it? We have a committee for discussion and not everyone gets what they want, it is a compromise.

M. Davis asked whether they would need to go to Council to have a new RFP or more money.

Cunningham asked whether they should review the mural separately and come back together.

Grossman suggested that we should clarify how we work together and look at the guidelines. She again suggested hiring kids to work on the mural with a hired arts educator.

Camille would also like to clarify how to move forward and have a better sense of the piece.

It was discussed to put the project on hold and work on a different piece.

B. Discuss Implementation Guidelines

To be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Receive an Update on the Midtown Mural

The artist Mona Caron is currently in the Bay Area and Schillinger is in conversation with her. The mural will need to be washed, inspected by artist and then redone. Goal is in the Fall.

D. Begin Discussion About Baylands Public Art Guidelines

To be discussed at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

5:00PM

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 25th at 3:30PM