



CITY *of* BRISBANE

Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 4:30PM • Hybrid Meeting

CALL TO ORDER - 4:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Greenlee, Vice-chair Salmon, Mayor Davis, Councilmember Cunningham, Park & Recreation Commissioner Seawell, Committee Member Danielle Kellstedt, Committee Member Diane Glazman (teleconference due to COVID concerns)

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Park & Recreation Director Leek

A. Consider any request of a City Councilmember to attend the meeting remotely under the "Emergency Circumstances" of AB 2449

Diane Glazman was quarantining at home under the Just Cause provision, and posted the agenda at 190 Santa Clara Street, Brisbane, CA.

Requested a review of AB 2449 again. City Clerk will be invited to the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved by Salmon, seconded by Davis. 7 Ayes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. Approve Minutes from April 17th, 2023 Public Art Advisory Committee

Approved by Cunningham, seconded by Salmon. 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Glazman)

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Receive a Presentation from Phase 3 Regarding their Proposed Private Art Installation

The committee received a presentation from Phase 3, their architect and artist firm. The art piece would be placed in-between the center near their entrance on a pedestal. The art piece would be three spheres that would represent a CO2 molecule sculpture, a nod to challenges that the scientist community face. The artist has done singular spheres in the past. No cost estimates have been made yet.

The committee had questions and comments regarding the proposed art:

- Who is responsible for the maintenance? The landscaping around the sphere and the sphere itself will be maintained by Phase 3.
- The pieces cast interesting shadows with the sunlight; with the landscaping, is it possible to add lighting for the evening to capture shadows at night? That is a good suggestion and will consider playing with the shadows in the evening. The artist suggested putting the lighting on the inside of the spheres. With the greenery around it, will that conflict with the shadows? Perhaps lift the spheres higher. Also consider the shadows of the buildings and how they cast their shadows. Or perhaps only lighting on the inside because there may not be enough direct sunlight.
- Will there be signage about the piece and what it stands for? Yes, they would add some type of plaque.
- The supporting art pieces that were included in the packet will be laid out around the campus but has not yet been decided on location or what the bronze human figures would look like, but they would part of the package. The committee suggested that one would be near the Bay Trail and people could sit next to it or perhaps climb on it. They are also interested in multiple gender forms.

The next step is for Phase 3 to bring to the committee a completed packet.

Public comment was given by Michael Barnes: He does not feel that the CO2 is relevant to the bioscience community, perhaps a peptide bond or methane molecule. He is also concerned with emaciated figures and the connection that may occur between Freenome (cancer detection company) and the figures. What is the messaging or what do you want the art to do?

D. Quarterly Public Art Fund Report

Staff provided the report showing \$1.85M available. Committee asked for follow-up regarding the remaining amount committed for the Midtown Mural. Staff will follow up with the Finance department.

E. Final RFP Review with Process Schedule Before Recommendation to Council

Committee reviewed and recommended unanimously to bring forward to Council at their 5/18 meeting. 1st: Camille Salmon, 2nd: Tom Seawell (Approved 7-0).

F. Art Implementation Guidelines Review

Committee reviewed and discussed the guidelines. Committee discussed whether the ordinance could/should include a provision for performance-based (non-permanent) art. Committee directed staff to investigate what other cities do and to receive guidance from the City Attorney. Committee understands that any future proposed changes to the Guidelines/Ordinance requires Council approval.

Public comment was given by Kevin Fryer: Hotel taxes usually fund performance arts according to neighboring cities. And if you do change it, remember to change the ordinance. As we do

have hotels, perhaps there is an avenue there.

Committee wishes to clarify through City Attorney whether non-permanent art events/displays can be facilitated within the existing guidelines. Staff will follow up.

G. Revisit low-hanging fruit/small scale project List

Committee discussed small scale projects including Sidewalk Chalk event, Film festival, revitalization of Firth Park art, Surprise Art, a “Push Pin” party as a “day in the life” of Brisbane, and a bench art project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No additional public comment

Written correspondence from Michael Barnes was received and sent to Committee on 5/1/23.

NEXT MEETING DATES

TBD due to the next scheduled meeting on Monday, June 19th is a Holiday. Staff will send Doodle poll to determine Committee member availability.

ADJOURNMENT

6:03PM