

Minutes of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Redlands held on May 9, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373

Present

Danielle Trynoski, Chair
Baljit Toor, Vice Chair
Jan Korfmacher, Commissioner
James Stewart, Commissioner
Brenda Spoelstra, Commissioner
David Lawrence, Commissioner
Paul Barich, City Council Liaison

Absent

Dennis Christensen, Commissioner
Donna West, School District Liaison
Carl Baker, Staff Liaison

- I. Chair Danielle Trynoski called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2016: Commissioner Stewart moved, Commissioner Korfmacher seconds; passes unanimously**
- III. Public Comment (none)**
- IV. New Business**
 - a.) Designation of donations for promotion – Chair Trynoski outlined request to re-allocate \$1,000 donation from Mountain West Financial from Public Art Fund to general use Commission account. Commissioner Stewart expressed concerns about “going around the Mayor’s wishes.” Commissioner Spoelstra also expressed concerns about the actual plans for promotion and fundraising, and mentioned moving all of the Commission’s funds to the Public Art Fund. Commissioner Trynoski told the Commission that the account holds just under \$1,000. Commissioner Toor moved to table the discussion, Commissioner Stewart seconded, motion to table passes unanimously.
 - b.) Discussion and possible action regarding implementation of an Arts Program Series. Commissioner Trynoski introduced the idea of an arts program series coordinated by the Cultural Arts Commission and community partners to be determined. Programs would offer opportunities in performing arts and fine arts to a wide range of ages and skill levels and help create partnerships between the commission and local business owners. The programs would be offered throughout a specific month to keep it contained as an identifiable series. She presented a draft of program ideas, potential partners, and potential venues for the commission to review. Commissioner Trynoski said that series could move to a different month other than the tentatively proposed August to avoid conflicts with the beginning of school, Bowl shows, and other events. Commissioner Spoelstra suggested considering a different month and Council member Barich suggested September. Commissioner Toor volunteered to help produce programs by hosting activities at the Edward-Dean Museum or by donating supplies. Commissioner Trynoski moved to table further discussion, Commissioner Spoelstra seconded, motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

a.) Mayor's Public Art Initiative

Commissioner Trynoski commented that votes at DTR Art Walk put Guy Wilson in first with 179 votes, Romero Metal Sculpture in second with 126 votes, and John Edward Svenson in third with 70 votes. She commented that vote was informal. Commissioner Stewart added that lots of kids voted too. He stated that the Quality of Life Department has not yet given dept. approval for Ed Hales Park as a primary candidate site. He asked Mayor Foster (attending the meeting informally) what he would recommend, the Mayor recommended that an artist and a site be forwarded for Council consideration. Commissioner Stewart confirmed that the CAC has voted to confirm sites. Commissioner Trynoski mentioned that Staff Liaison Baker suggested a council proposal of both site and artist together; Mayor confirmed that would be ideal.

Commissioner Stewart suggested that budget will be an important factor, Mayor Foster thinks an estimate of \$25,000 is reasonable; he thinks \$50,000 is too high for this project but admitted that he is not familiar with market value or price ranges for this type of installation.

Mayor Foster pointed out the risk of theft for cast metal; and Commissioner Stewart pointed out that most bronzes are filled with cement to prevent theft and increase security. Mayor Foster expressed his concern with smaller pieces; larger pieces e.g., Smiley Brothers, are at lower risk for theft. Commissioner Stewart pointed out the central location of Ed Hales Park with cameras and steady traffic as deterrent from theft.

Commissioner Spoelstra asked about the anticipated number of design phases; Council member Barich replied that if a concept could be presented at State of the City on June 24 that would be beneficial for the project. Mayor Foster added that it would be acceptable to have an artist present multiple concepts at State of the City and get feedback from City leaders and business owners.

Commissioner Stewart asked if City council would entertain a proposal for two top candidate artists, and Mayor Foster replied that a proposal of one artist with multiple concepts would be preferable.

Commissioner Spoelstra agreed.

Commissioner Toor said that the Romeros are the ideal selection because they are local, Guy Wilson is not local and will require travel expenses to design and plan concepts. Wilson will be more expensive. Romeros will be more negotiable. The Programming subcommittee proposes Romeros as first candidate, Wilson as second candidate. Commissioner Spoelstra proposes to eliminate one of the three finalists. Commissioner Stewart moves to eliminate Guy Wilson, Commissioner Spoelstra seconds, motion passes unanimously.

Commissioners Korfmacher and Trynoski expressed their enthusiasm for the Romeros, citing their local residency, their willingness to create custom, intelligent artwork for clients, and high quality design. The commission voted informally to select the Romeros as the top candidate for City Council consideration.

Council member Barich and Mayor Foster recommended presenting the proposed site, artist, and three preliminary concepts. Mayor Foster suggested that City Council could select the site and artist in June and perhaps select the final concept in September.

Commissioner Stewart moved to nominate the Romeros for Ed Hales Park for City Council consideration pending Quality of Life approval, Commissioner Toor seconds, motion passes unanimously.

(DT- email Carl to request special meeting on June 13, and to add CAC recommendation to June 21 City Council agenda)

- b.) Festival of the Arts May 28-29 – Commissioner Trynoski is available on Saturday May 28th to distribute information about the commission and Commissioner Toor is available on Sunday May 29th. Commissioner Trynoski will email Staff Liaison Carl Baker to check commissioners' availability and interest in participating.

VI. Commissioners Reports

Commissioner Trynoski announced a reception that evening to celebrate historical buildings in Redlands. The reception started at 6:30 pm and would be held in the new museum building known as the old Daily Facts building.

Commissioner Trynoski invited the commissioners to review photos from the April DTR Art Walk which are posted on the commission's Facebook page.

- VII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.