

MINUTES

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE Wednesday, August 22, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Shay Diehl called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL Committee members present were Chairperson Shay-Diehl, Vice Chairperson Stadum, Committee Member Callan, Committee Member Johnson, and Committee Member Lyte, Committee Member Wille was absent (unexcused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Shay Diehl

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Motion: **Committee Member Lyte moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting**

Move: Lyte 2nd: Johnson Vote: 5-0-0-1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Committee Member Johnson moved to approve the agenda of the August 22, 2007 Public Art Advisory Committee meeting**

Move: Johnson 2nd: Shay-Diehl Vote: 5-0-0-1

STAFF REPORTS

1. Desert Arts Festival- Sculpture Exhibition Proposal

Community Services Director Schooler presented a staff report regarding a proposed sculpting exhibition, introduced by Eric Mueller at the July 11, 2007 PAAC meeting. At that time, the committee requested the item be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action. The committee discussed several levels of support from the Town, including the waiver of permit fees, or the commissioning of the art itself. Not supporting the event was discussed as well. Clarification was noted that if the permit fees were waived, it does not necessarily mean that all the permit requirements are waived.

Action

Motion: **Committee Member Lyte moved to recommend to the Town Council to waive the permit fees required for a public art event proposed by Eric Mueller to be held in conjunction with the 2007 Desert Arts Festival and Studio Tours**

Move: Lyte 2nd: Stadum Vote: 5-0-0-1

2. Committee Discussion- Town Participation in Desert Arts Festival

Community Services Director explained the current community partnership between the Town of Yucca Valley and the Desert Arts Festival. For the past several years, the Town has provided partnership funding to assist with publicity materials for the event. Support of the event has been considered consistent with the Town Council's economic development objectives.

3. Committee Discussion- Public Art Appraisal

Museum Supervisor Lynne Richardson presented information explaining the rationale and process for appraising public art. Complying with insurance reporting requirements, safeguarding, restoration and decommissioning of the objects are positive measures, all using an appraisal as a baseline tool. The committee discussed the general information presented and thanked Ms. Richardson for her assistance.

4. Art Donation Offer- Dabah

Director Schooler briefed the committee on the status of the current donation offer by artist Simi Dabah. At the last PAAC meeting, a sub-committee was formed to visit the artist's collection and bring suggestions back to the committee on a suitable piece for acceptance.

The committee viewed photographs brought back from the visit, with Chair Shay-Diehl explaining the challenge of narrowing down the selection. The artwork titles listed on the photographs are the creation of the photographer for ease of identification, not the official title of the artwork.

Action

Motion: **Committee Member Lyte moved to recommend to the Town Council the acceptance artwork referenced as Dancing Child by artist Simi Dabah**

Move: Lyte 2nd: Johnson Vote: 5-0-0-1

5. Committee Discussion- Public Art Master Plan

Director Schooler led discussion on the public art master plan, which has been previously discussed by the PAAC and recommended for funding. The Town Council is aware of the importance of a plan as a blueprint for public art in the future. The Public Art Master Plan is referenced in the Town Council's current Strategic Plan, however it is not currently funded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF INFORMATION

None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Committee Member Callan

Committee Member Callan would like to see public awareness of the public art program raised in the community.

2. Committee Member Johnson

Committee Member Johnson announced that she has tickets for the upcoming event at the Boys and Girls Club.

3. Committee Member Lyte

Committee Member Lyte – great meeting!

4. Committee Member Shay-Diehl

Committee Member Shay-Diehl expressed interest in looking at creative funding options for the Public Arts Master Plan. She received an email from former committee member Denise Dompke offering well wishes to the committee.

5. Committee Member Wille

Absent

6. Vice Chair Stadum

Committee Member Stadum announced that progress was being made with the Old Town Redevelopment Project. The final draft of the specific plan has been completed, and a value assessment plan has been awarded on the redevelopment process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting – TBA

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dabah offer- 30 day review

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shay-Diehl adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Copeland, PAAC Secretary
Community Services Department