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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
 CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
 MINUTES OF March 02, 2016

SEBASTOPOL CITY HALL
 7120 BODEGA AVENUE
 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE:

The City Clerk posted the notice of the meeting on February 25, 2016.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:	Chair Gordon, and Committee Members Arnold, Vertz and Mills-Thysen
Absent:	Committee Member Persinger (excused)
Staff:	Kenyon Webster, Planning Director Rebecca Mansour, Planning Technician

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 06, 2016

Committee Member Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen seconded the motion.

VOTE:

Ayes:	Chair Gordon, and Committee Members Arnold, Vertz and Mills-Thysen
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None

4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST:

Director Webster updated the Committee on the following:

- Next week the City Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting on the General Plan. Topics will include the Noise, Safety and Economic Vitality Elements.
- The proposed Piazza Hospitality Group hotel project, at the former lumberyard site, will go before the Design Review Board for preliminary design review this afternoon.
- The City issued building and demolition permits for the CVS project last week.
- CVS paid their art in-lieu fee last week. This will add approximately \$30k to our art fund.

The Committee asked questions of staff.

Chair Gordon asked to agendaize future discussion of placing public art on the proposed KOWS antenna site.

With differing opinions, Director Webster commented that discussion may be problematic and agreed to look into it further.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: There were none.

6. STATEMENTS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: There were none.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: There were none.

8. REGULAR AGENDA: There were none.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY VILLAGE BUILDING CONVERGENCE PROJECT PROPOSALS: The VBC plans to implement a number of community projects in April 2016, some of which would be located on public property. Most of the projects do not require Public Arts Committee review. Although preliminary in nature, they are being presented to the Public Arts Committee for any comment. No VBC representative was present.

The Committee asked questions of Director Webster.

City Project: 1 – Repainting Street Murals

Chair Gordon expressed having no issues with repainting the street murals.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen commented:

- The paint they use needs to be longer lasting.
- As it is now, the paint is peeling and does not look good.
- If the peeling paint is going to be a recurrent problem, it should be addressed.

Chair Gordon commented that the intent of the project was for it to be revisited and repainted annually.

Committee Member Arnold asked a clarifying question of staff.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen commented that she'd like some assurance on their intent for maintenance, etc.

Chair Gordon commented that it would be nice to have someone from VBC here to explain their philosophy and to answer questions.

Chair Gordon and Committee Member Mills-Thysen asked a clarifying question of staff.

Committee Member Arnold commented that the VBC should be directed to tidy up the street painting every two years.

Chair Gordon commented that the Committee was in agreement on wanting to make whatever they do work.

Committee Member Arnold commented that chalk art would be in keeping with the ephemeral nature of a lot of the VBC's projects.

Committee Member Arnold commended the graciousness of staff in helping the VBC.

Committee Member Vertz commented that she had questions for the applicant.

Chair Gordon and Committee Member Vertz commented that they liked City Project: 10.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen commented that there a lot of projects, and a lot of holes in the projects.

Chair Gordon commented that it would behoove the VBC to make allies with the Arts Committee.

Director Webster stated that the VBC's event is scheduled for April, however, the VBC could come and make an informational presentation to the Committee at their meeting in April.

The Committee agreed that they'd like to receive a presentation from the VBC.

B. DISCUSSION OF CONCEPT OF SCULPTURE AREA: A member of the Committee has requested discussion of the concept of creating a sculpture garden or other area for display of community artworks.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen provided a handout to the Committee.

Chair Gordon commented:

- Likes a lot of it.
- With regards to site location, he expressed being very against creating an area around the Peace Wall.

Committee Member Arnold asked clarifying questions of Committee Member Mills-Thysen.

Chair Gordon suggested adding the strip outside of the Community Center, as well as the area immediately across the street, to the list of sites to consider.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen commented that an exception could be requested through the Arts Committee for placement outside of the collection area(s).

Committee Member Arnold asked if this concept would have to go before the City Council for approval.

Director Webster stated that it would.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen made a motion to create one location within our city limits for community artwork.

Committee Members Arnold and Vertz asked additional clarifying questions.

Committee Member Arnold commented:

- He'd like to formulate a way to encourage community artwork.
- Would like to see it more diverse than just one location.

Committee Member Mills-Thysen commented that she'd like to discuss signage at some point as well.

Chair Gordon asked staff to read back the motion.

Staff read back Committee Member Mills-Thysen's motion to create one location within our city limits for community artwork.

Chair Gordon seconded the motion.

Director Webster clarified that the specific location(s) would be determined at their next meeting. After that, the package would be taken to Council for their consideration.

The Committee agreed.

VOTE:	Ayes:	Chair Gordon, and Committee Members Arnold, Vertz and Mills-Thysen
	Noes:	None
	Abstain:	None

C. UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ART PROJECT: A Request for Qualifications for a public art project has been issued. A general update on this project will be provided.

Director Webster provided a brief update.

The Committee asked questions of staff.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE/STAFF:

Committee Member Arnold asked if discussion of the review process for responses to the RFQ could be agendized for their next meeting.

The Committee and Director Webster agreed.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting of the Sebastopol Public Arts Committee at 11:40 a.m. to the next regular Public Arts Committee Meeting to be held April 06, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., at the City Hall Conference Room, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kenyon Webster
Planning Director