

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Art Commission
City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado
Monday, February 27, 2012
at the Village Center

8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members in attendance: Ann Polumbus, Gay Warren, Douglas Smooke, Teresa Harbaugh, Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf. Employees present: Jay Goldie, Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director, Pamela Broyles, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Polumbus called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Klasina VanderWerf moved to approve the January 30, 2012 minutes as presented. Ms. Teresa Harbaugh seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion on the status of Call for Entry Final Draft

Mr. Smooke stated that all information has been forwarded to the City Attorney for review.

Mr. Goldie added that the City just received comments back from the City Attorney suggesting some minor changes. The City will work with CAFÉ on the suggested changes.

Ms. Harbaugh questioned if CAFÉ is the only means the Art Commission will use to request art?

Mr. Smooke responded that it is restricted to CAFÉ and for an artist to be considered they will need to go through the process. However, he said they might find out about the art request through a press release or other mechanisms that the Commission uses to advertise. In communications with interested parties the Commission will direct people to the CAFÉ website.

Ms. Harbaugh expressed concern that this will be an extra expense for interested artists.

Mr. Smooke explained that there is no expense to the artist to use the CAFÉ website.

Ms. Polumbus stated that she believes CAFÉ is a professional way to review art. She also believes that the Commission should consider adding two professionals sometime in the future to form an advisory board to judge potential art. She asked the Commission to think about whether they would prefer people from the Village or if they should look beyond that.

Mr. Smooke commented that as far as professionals in the business, he would prefer to keep it more neutral to prevent possible conflicts of interest.

b. Discussion on status of CAFÉ Training

Once the contract is finalized, Pamela Broyles will contact CAFÉ to set up training.

c. Discussion on Sign for "Sundown" Sculpture

Mr. Goldie provided a photo of a bronze plaque with etching that is consistent with what the City uses for bench donations, etc. He also provided some cost estimates to design the plaque. Mr. Goldie suggested that the plaque could be placed on a pedestal near the sculpture or on a boulder that would blend in nicely with the landscaping.

The Commission discussed ideas on the description they would like placed on the plaque.

Mr. Goldie will forward a sample of the plaque to Ms. Polumbus before placing the order.

The Committee also discussed having a logo for the Cherry Hills Art Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Community Options

Ms. Polumbus stated that a couple of the Art Commission members are meeting with the Land Preserve to discuss how it could be mutually beneficial to work together. The Land Preserve is a 501(c)(3) and their mission is to preserve open space in Cherry Hills Village. Ms. Polumbus believes it would be beneficial to set up a system where money could be donated for art through the Land Preserve.

Councilor VanderWerf explained that the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) set up a fund called the "Cat Anderson Fund" where people can donate. This fund was set up to help purchase open space. She suggested that this might be another approach that the Art Commission could consider for art donations that might take away the discomfort for contributors.

Ms. Polumbus suggested that the Commission should plan some sort of community outreach to discuss what the Art Commission is doing. She suggested everyone could invite 10 people and the event could be held sometime this summer.

Councilor VanderWerf noted that she spoke with an acquaintance who resides in the Village about hosting a group of people where the Art Commission could talk about their mission and discuss contributions. She said the acquaintance is an art collector with a lot of connections and seems willing to consider hosting an event. Councilor VanderWerf suggested that the Art Commission could send invitations and provide refreshments.

Councilor VanderWerf pointed out that there will be opportunities for art in the joint Public Safety Facility that is scheduled to break ground this March. She indicated that the Art Commission could approach City Council and request funds from the budget to be used for art. She also mentioned that art from students at Kent Denver and the Cherry Hills Village Elementary School could be displayed on a temporary basis in the new facility.

Mr. Goldie said he believes it is in the City Charter that a percentage of the construction costs can be used for art.

The Commission agreed that a summer gathering would be a perfect opportunity to get people involved. Ms. Polumbus asked for volunteers to plan and make arrangements for the event.

Ms. Warren agreed to host the event at her home and Councilor VanderWerf and Teresa Harbaugh will assist with determining the date, time and planning of the event.

Councilor VanderWerf reported that the City is submitting a GOCO grant through the High Line Canal Working Group. One of the projects they are considering is a pocket park by the Church of the Nazarene near the High Line Canal that would make a nice place to add art. She will keep the Commission posted on the status.

Ms. Harbaugh questioned how the budget for the Art Commission is structured.

Councilor VanderWerf explained that the Art Commission will need to go before City Council and make a submission each year. She suggested that the Commission should start thinking about what their activities will be next year so they can determine a ballpark figure to submit to Council.

The Commission agreed that the cost for plaques and the fees for CAFÉ will come out of the Art Commission's budget.

Ms. Harbaugh suggested that the Art Commission should also talk with the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission (PTRC) to determine if there is a need for art as they are in the process of visiting all of the parks.

Councilor VanderWerf will address the PTRC at their next meeting in April.

b. City Emails for Commission Members

Nancy Rodgers with the City Attorney's office suggested that all Art Commission members should have a City email address to conduct business. The emails have been set up and email addresses were distributed to each member. The Commission agreed that emails will be forwarded to both their City emails and personal emails in the future.

General Discussion

Ms. Harbaugh distributed some brochures on Public Art from the City of Englewood and Denver. She also spoke with the person at the front desk at the City of Englewood and they shared a copy of their Call for Entry and contract.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

The meeting in March has been cancelled and the commission will meet again on April 30, 2012.



Ann Polombus
Committee Chairperson



Karen Proctor
Director of Finance



Pamela Broyles
Administrative Clerk