

City of Santa Rosa
Art in Public Places Committee
December 7, 2009 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Art in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairperson Evans at 3:35 p.m. at the Steele Lane Community Center in Santa Rosa, CA.

2. Roll Call

Present: Anderson, Charnofsky, Evans, Jang-Poulsen, LaBerge, Rabinowitsh, Richardson

Absent: Allen, Curiel-Larios, Fisher, Flock, Gorin, Sawyer

3. Public Comments – None

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 2, 2009, were accepted as written.

5. Chairperson's Comments/Announcements – None

6. Scheduled Items Presented for Possible Decisions at this Meeting

6.1 Update on Committee "At-Large" Membership

Staff reported the response to the initial application period was less than anticipated. The committee decided to extend the deadline in the hopes of receiving additional applications. When the extended period has closed, staff will schedule applicant interviews with the committee.

6.2 Proposed 9th Street Underpass Mural

Lea Barron-Thomas, West End Neighborhood representative, explained that the West End and St. Rose Neighborhoods joined together to apply for and have received a Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$5650 to paint a community identification mural on the CalTrans 9th Street underpass. As part of securing their approval for the project, CalTrans requires written approval from the local agency responsible which, for Santa Rosa, is the Art in Public Places Committee. She presented the concept and discussed the process for getting the project underway.

The motion was made by Rabinowitsh to support the 9th Street underpass mural project and approve the preliminary community identification content with the understanding that the final mural design will be brought back to this committee for approval and that the neighborhoods are committed to ongoing maintenance of the mural. The motion was seconded by LaBerge and approved unanimously by those present.

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6.3 Staff Updates

A. Street Performer Ordinance. Richardson reported the committee has completed a draft ordinance that is being reviewed by the City Attorney's office. The goal is to bring the draft to the February meeting for the committee's review. The final action going forward to Council will include a recommendation to amend the City code sections pertaining to this issue.

B. Nissan Public Art. Staff is working with the selected artist, Mark Grieve, to place his "Bicycle Obelisk" sculpture at the Nissan art site. Engineers Daniel Strening and Kevin Zucco are doing considerable pro bono work on the project. Installation date will depend on the amount of structural work needed to prepare the site.

C. Phantom Gallery 2010 Schedule. Recreation Coordinator Matheny-Schuster reported the 2010 schedule is nearing completion. The first exhibitor will be Frederic Carpenter, an artist who recently moved here from New York. The schedule will be distributed to committee members when finalized.

Evans encouraged members to view the Seth Minor wire sculpture on the south facing wall of Trek Bicycle Store on Mendocino Avenue. The sculpture will be in place for three years.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting of the Art in Public Places Committee is scheduled on January 4, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. at the Steele Lane Community Center in Santa Rosa, CA. Staff will keep the committee informed as this meeting may be dedicated to interviewing applicants for the at-large vacancies on the committee.

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