

October 31, 2013
9:00 A.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Public Arts Committee met at the above date and time in the City Manager's Conference Room of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Judy Mayhew, Karen Murphy, Wyma Rogers, Catherine Rickbone, Sue Valentine, Mary Peterson, and Sally Houck. Also in attendance was Stacey Johns, from the Library, and City Recorder/Special Projects Director Peggy Hawker, and Ursula Marinelli, Director of the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation.

CALL TO ORDER

Rickbone called the October 31, 2013 meeting of the Public Arts Committee to order at 9:00 A.M. Introductions were made.

PRESENTATION BY URSULA MARINELLI, DIRECTOR OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITIES HEALTH DISTRICT FOUNDATION REGARDING THE SCULPTURE GARDEN PLANNED FOR THE SAMARITAN CENTER FOR HEALTH/EDUCATION

Marinelli showed a video regarding the work of the Foundation. She distributed a handout regarding the arts projects at the hospital and those planned for the new Health/Education Center. She reported that there is a sculpture garden planned in front of the building, and that there will be art on both sides of the building and throughout the interior of the building. She reviewed the handout which showed a drawing of the building façade; the vicinity map and site plan view; the elevations from all directions; and floor plans for the first and second floors. Marinelli responded to Committee questions. It was noted that there would not be a fitness component to the facility, but Mayhew reported that in her position at the Recreation Center, she had started a dialogue with Samaritan Health representatives. Marinelli noted that she would be interested in ideas regarding artists and funding sources. Peterson noted that Jürgen Eckstein might be interested in making a sculpture donation. Marinelli reported that the Foundation has raised \$2.5 million dollars and is only \$100,000 away from its fundraising goal. She reported that an on-line auction will be held from November 24 through December 6, and that information will be circulated in the PUD bills. She added that a radiothon would be held on December 6, from 7 A.M. until 1 P.M., on KCUP and BOSS radio. Hawker was asked to send Marinelli the "Percent for the Arts" brochure, and also the "call for artists" information that the city used for the City Hall. Marinelli stated that the plan is to use local artists, and a discussion ensued regarding what "local" means. Marinelli suggested "local" means Lincoln County, and Murphy suggested that it could include people who support Lincoln County through taxes, for example, owners of homes in Lincoln County who might reside elsewhere. Valentine asked whether the architects would be open to working with artists to incorporate as a part of the building. Rickbone asked about the timeline, and Marinelli noted that the architects are working, soils testing has been ordered, and a ceremonial groundbreaking will be scheduled in January. Valentine suggested that a rooftop garden would be a nice addition to the facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

Hawker reported that the September and October minutes would be on the November agenda for approval.

SCULPTURE DONATION - REVIEW MODEL/DRAWING OF PROPOSED SCULPTURE INSTALLATION AT SUGGESTED LOCATION ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.

Rickbone reported that OCCA is continuing to work with Jerry Harpster on this donation. She noted that there would be a presentation to the OCCA Board on November 12. She displayed a new drawing depicting a larger concrete pad rather than two concrete pads immediately under the benches. Hawker reported that Tim Gross, the city's Public Works Director, had indicated that the city could have the concrete installed in conjunction with another city project, but that OCCA would be responsible for paying the city for the concrete and installation. Rickbone noted that she would communicate directly with Gross. Rickbone reported that she is exploring the electrical work associated with the project. She added that Harpster will communicate with the city regarding a potential donation of the two benches. Hawker reported that communication had been made and that person was directed to Bob Fuller, in the Public Works Department, who coordinates bench donations. Mayhew reported that the benches cost approximately \$1,000 each. It was agreed that this idea could be presented to the City Council on December 16, and at that time, Council could direct staff to prepare an agreement for the placement of the sculpture on city property.

PUBLIC ART INVENTORY DATABASE UPDATE

Stacy Johns, from the Newport Public Library, who has developed and is entering information into the public arts inventory database, presented an update on the database status. She reported that the database is usable, and that photographs can be saved as a bmp file. She added that the categories are filterable. Rogers noted that it would be fun to work on filling in the blanks. Rogers stated that she would pick up a print-out of the database which would help when filling in the blanks. Rickbone asked where the subcommittee would like to go with this issue. Mayhew noted that she could complete the inventory at the Recreation Center and that Rogers could work on filling in the blanks, and that after the first of the year, additions could be made to the database. Hawker noted that city staff should talk with the city's insurer to ascertain that adequate insurance is currently on the art. It was suggested that this would be an excellent topic to present to the City Council as an update on the Committee's activities. It was asked that this item be placed on the December 16, 2013 City Council agenda, and that meeting be advertised as a joint meeting so that there are no issues if more than a quorum of the Committee appears.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Rogers commended the arts community for its support of the VAC.

Mayhew reported that she had talked with Roumagoux who has had difficulty attending the Committee meetings as Council liaison. She added that Roumagoux is considering the idea of stepping down as liaison and appointing Councilor Busby as Council liaison.

ESTABLISH NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed that the next agenda include:

- A. Sculpture Donation;
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Public Art Inventory;
- D. Potential Public Art at New Swimming Pool (if the bond measure passes);
- E. Establish Next Meeting Date;
- F. Committee Comments.

ESTABLISH NEXT MEEING DATE

MOTION was made by Rogers, seconded by Peterson and Valentine, that the next meeting be held on November 21, and that no meeting be held during December. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.