

**Public Arts Task Force
February 4, 2011**

9:00 am – Performing Arts Center

Present: Lon Brusselback, Carol Deslippe, Sally Houck, Jim Protiva, Sandy Roumagoux, and Catherine Rickbone. Guests: Penelope McCarthy, City Attorney and Melissa Roman of Public Works.

The meeting was called to order by the Task Force Chair, OCCA Executive Director, Catherine Rickbone.

This meeting is the first under the rubric of a City of Newport Public Arts Task Force. As such, various ways of conducting the public meeting were discussed. No visitors were present.

It was determined that Lon Brusselback and Sandy Roumagoux are co-liaison from the City Council and non-voting and Jim Protiva, represents city staff and is also non-voting. Melissa Roman would attend as needed with Jim.

At the moment the Task Force has three members: Carol Deslippe, Sally Houck and Catherine Rickbone. An announcement has gone out for applicants to this task force as a minimum of five are needed as stated in Resolution No 3528.

The agenda was approved with Carol moving and Sally seconding the motion.

Melissa Roman from Public Works introduced herself and her background. The Task Force was informed of several public works projects that have or may have art elements: Deco Park Bas Relief Tile Mural, Coast Park Kinetic Wind Sculptures and, Marine Drive Roundabout Artwork.

Deco Park Bas Relief Tile Mural: an RFP has gone out and a responsive proposal received; however, waiting for RFP for Deco Park Pylon to go out. Funding for the artwork is dependent on final cost of the pylon. Questions ensued as Melissa showed rough sketch designs. Discussion of final design will occur if funds are available. Pylon is due to be completed June 2011.

Coast Park Kinetic Wind Sculptures: Artists' renderings of Coast Park were presented by Jim and Melissa and discussed. An RFP has been written and is going through review. The Task Force discussed types of wind sculptures and fabrication, as well as learning about the layout of the park, and its intended use. It was suggested that the wind sculptures make energy. Discussion followed on the theme of the park and how that ties in to the Oregon coast. Comments surfaced about the pirate ship and the future Art Wall in the park.

Marine Drive Roundabout Artwork: The project is funded by the Newport Urban Renewal Agency, a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation, an ODOT Quick Fix grant and contributions from Hatfield Marine Science Center and the Port of Newport. Melissa informed the Task Force that an RFP has not been sent out and there may or may not be an art piece to this project. The South Beach Transportation improvement project is currently under construction.

Concerning artists' contracts, Lon suggested that the City simplify that document. Penelope said she would work on that.

In the future, questions about RFP procedures would be answered by either Jim or Melissa. Discussion followed whether local artists should be given preferential treatment and it was determined that all artists would have equal opportunity to respond to a bid and be considered solely on the merits of their work.

It was suggested that an article be put in the News-Times about the Public Arts Task Force; however, that has already happened.

The question was posed whether both Sally and Catherine can serve on the Task Force since they both represent Oregon Coast Council for the Arts. Penelope will look into that.

Criteria for Public Arts Task Force membership was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be February 17th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Catherine Rickbone.