
Minutes

Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee

Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission

July 14, 2009

Minutes of the Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee meeting that took place at 5 p.m. on July 14, 2009, at the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, 3340 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman – Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Nikie Crawford
Judy Ellison

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Shirlee King

City Staff Present:

Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Jan Cmeyla, Business Manager – Otto Rigan Studio LLC
Otto Rigan, Artist – Otto Rigan Studio LLC

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Betsy Fahlman called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – AIPD: Aloft Hotel

- Betsy Fahlman, Public Art/AIPD Committee Chair, introduced artist Otto Rigan of Otto Rigan Studio LLC, accompanied by the studio's business manager, Jan Cmeyla. Fahlman welcomed both Rigan and Cmeyla to the meeting.
- O. Rigan reported that he is working with Triyar Hospitality to fulfill the artwork requirement of Tempe's AIPD ordinance as it relates to the Aloft Tempe hotel development located at 951 E. Playa Del Norte Drive. Rigan stated that Triyar Hospitality's required AIPD budget for the Aloft development is \$26,500; Rigan further reported that Triyar's actual art budget is \$28,000.
- O. Rigan presented a maquette of his proposed artwork to the committee members; Rigan stated that he intends to create a nine-foot solid stone (Indiana Grey or Utah Red)

sculpture with a durable white-gold, leafed pattern. Rigan added that he will cut a natural clef face into the stone to create a geometric pattern. Rigan further reported that the sculpture will replace the existing concrete ballard balls to the right of the hotel's front entrance and will be placed in a 13-foot-tall area; the hotel's developer, Triyar Hospitality, is committed to providing lighting for Rigan's artwork.

ACTION: Judy Ellison moved to approve the proposed AIPD art element for Aloft Tempe as presented.

SECOND: Nikie Crawford seconded.

DECISION: The Public Art/AIPD Committee recommends approval of the proposed AIPD art element for Aloft Tempe as presented.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- Elizabeth Lagman, COT Public Art Specialist, distributed additional copies of METROART2008 to the committee members.
- E. Lagman reminded the committee that artist Rose Johnson passed away; Johnson's bicycle locker artwork is located at City Hall just east of Mill Ave., between 5TH and 6TH Street. Lagman reported that two letters have been mailed to the Rose Johnson Estate explaining that in honor of Johnson, the COT would like Johnson's piece to become part of the COT Portable Works Collection. Lagman further reminded the committee members to spend some time brainstorming ideas on where to place Johnson's piece within the City of Tempe, whether it's temporary (portable) or permanent placement; Lagman added that an article published by the Phoenix New Times urges its readers to contact Lagman via email message to express their support for the restoration and replacement of Johnson's artwork within the City of Tempe.
- Betsy Fahlman reported that a memorial celebration for Rose Johnson took place in Bisbee, AZ.
- E. Lagman announced that the Call for Work in regards to the proposed art element at Evelyn Hallman Park is out; artist submissions are due Aug. 3.
- B. Fahlman stated that she will participate in the Evelyn Hallman Park Public Art Opportunity Panel Review Process.
- E. Lagman further announced that a COT project titled, "Origami Garden," was recognized at the 2009 Public Art Year in Review Conference (Americans for the Arts Convention) on June 20. "Origami Garden" is a landscape and artwork element at the Tempe Transportation Center located at 200 E. 5TH Street; additionally, the project was selected by Janet Echelman and Mildred Howard to be part of the 2009 Public Art Year in Review presentation.
- E. Lagman reported that the COT submitted forms and narratives to Valley Forward for recognition of the newly-completed Rio Salado Southbank Path; the City submitted forms and narratives for the following categories:
 - Trails
 - Public Art

Agenda Item 4 - Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Betsy Fahlman at 5:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Rachael Peterson

Reviewed by: Elizabeth Lagman

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