
Minutes
Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee
Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission
March 2, 2011

Minutes of the Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee meeting that took place at 5 p.m. on March 2, 2011, in the Connections Café Program Room at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Hilary Harp
Shirlee King
Nikie Crawford

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator

Guests Present:

David Saar
Ernie Nickels

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Hilary Harp called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association Grant

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, explained that the Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association received an \$8,500 Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant for 2010-2011. Aurora further described the intent of grant proposal, which was to have one three-dimensional art element incorporated into the City of Tempe's traffic-calming project located on 12 Street and Roosevelt Street.
- David Saar, Mitchell Park West Neighborhood representative, explained that the Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association selected local artist Ernie Nickels to design the art element. Saar further explained the process of selecting the artist using an RFQ process, a neighborhood arts committee and solicitation of neighborhood feedback. Saar commented that the neighborhood arts committee was pleased with Ernie Nickels' design which will bring a vertical element into the space while preserving the existing tree.

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- Ernie Nickels presented the committee members with the design concepts for the artwork titled “Crown Circle”. Nickels explained that there are four segments that surround the tree with the tallest segment at eight feet tall. Nickels clarified that the material is steel and will have a natural rusted finish which will require no maintenance. Nickels provided the committee members with images of his past work and an image of what the rusted finish will look like over time.
 - H. Harp inquired about that maintenance of the colored circles which are intergraded into the four segments.
 - E. Nickels explained that the Mitchell Park West Neighborhood members asked for color to be integrated into the design concept. Nickels further clarified that the neighborhood will be responsible for repainting the circles as needed.
 - H. Harp thanked David Saar and Ernie Nickels for attending the meeting and presenting the design concepts.

Agenda Item 3 - “Waiting for a Date” Bus Shelter/All Saints Catholic Newman Center – Discussion

- Maja Aurora explained that the All Saints Catholic Newman Center has submitted designs for new construction. Aurora explained the design concepts and how the new building will relate to the Waiting for a Date Bus Shelter. Aurora clarified that the new building design will not negatively impact the integrity of the artwork. Aurora further explained that a raised planter bed or an alternate material design shall be provided adjacent and behind the existing bus shelter, at or above the seating height, with independent wall support for the landscape.
- M. Aurora presented the committee members with images of All Saints Catholic Newman Center construction documents as well as images of the existing bus shelter.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- Maja Aurora reported that four artistic chicanes by artist Kris Kollasch located within the Mitchell Park East Neighborhood are complete. Aurora presented the committee members with images of the completed chicanes and encouraged them to visit the artwork in person.
- M. Aurora stated that there are three artist sidewalk mosaics by artists Niki Glen and Helen Helwig located in the Brentwood /Cavalier neighborhood. Aurora explained that the City of Tempe College Avenue traffic calming project will be changing the curbs and sidewalks surrounding these three sidewalk mosaics. Aurora clarified that the new sidewalk installation will not negatively impact the artwork and that the artists have been informed of the construction.
- M. Aurora reported that artist Matt Salenger with coLAB Studios Inc., replaced the text panels which are attached to each of the four sculptures located at Evelyn Hallman Park.
- M. Aurora reported that the removal and replacement of the grout and broken flagstone titles on the artwork located at Rio Salado and Rural Road is complete. Aurora stated that the artist Laurie Lundquist has been informed of the repairs.
- M. Aurora reported that the removal and replacement of the grout on the Earth Quilt artwork located at Sixth Street Park is complete. Aurora stated that the artist Meiny Vermaas-van der Heide has been informed of the repairs.

Agenda Item 5 - Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Prepared by: Maja Aurora

Reviewed by: Rachael Peterson