City of Capitola

Art & Cultural Commission: Draft Minutes Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA 95010

Chair: Roy Johnson Vice Chair: Laurie Hill

Commissioners: Mario Beltramo, Mary Beth Cahalen, Courtney Christiansen, Joe Clarke, Jennifer

Major, James Wallace, Vacant Artist Seat

Staff Representatives: Nikki Bryant LeBlond & Kelly Barreto



The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM. In attendance: Beltramo, Cahalen, Christiansen, Hill, Major arrived at 6:45 PM, Johnson. Absent: Clarke, Wallace

2. Additional Materials

None

3. Public Oral Communication

None

4. Commissioner Comments

Mary Beth commented on Joint Chiefs,

Vice Chair Hill commented on the upcoming Palace tabling event and the CWEP public meeting for mosaic artwork community engagement.

5. Staff Comments

Staff commented on the resignation of Leslie Fellows, Future meeting for the Movie Committee, and have not received samples for the Monterey Railing Project.

6. Approval of Minutes-January 9, 2024 & January 28, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes: Commissioner Beltramo

Second: Commissioner Cahalen

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beltramo, Commissioner Cahalen, Commissioner Christiansen, Vice Chair Hill, Commissioner Major, Chair Johnson.

7. Program Reports

a. Twilight Concerts: No Reportb. Art at the Beach: No Reportc. Movies at the Beach: No Report

d. Plein Air: Report Out

8. General Business

a. Budget Goal Presentation

Report given by Staff. Chair Johnson inquired about the cost of banners in relation to the proposed budget. Vice Chair Hill commented on the commission's role in reviewing artwork for banners or other proposals. Commissioner Cahalen commented on a standard process for proposals. Commissioner Beltramo commented on the anticipated budget increase for expenses related to twilight concerts.



Public Comment:

Motion to approve Commissioner Beltramo to be added to the banner committee:

Commissioner Cahalen

Second: Commissioner Christiansen

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beltramo, Commissioner Cahalen, Commissioner

Christiansen, Vice Chair Hill, Commissioner Major, Chair Johnson.

b. Portland Loo Public Art Project:

Report given by Staff. Commissioner Cahalen commented on a preference to wait for more information regarding the buildings on the wharf before continuing the item.

Public Comment:

No Action Taken.

c. Begonia Festival Commemorative Public Art Project:

Chair Johnson reordered the agenda to accommodate public in attendance and heard first. Report given by Staff. Vice Chair Hill commented on the committee work for the project and requested modifying proposal with artist Jeffery Nelson and Lynn Jaye. Artist Nelson and Jaye presented a modified proposal based on committee feedback. The new proposal presented three flowers on a long stem with ground base lighting below. Vice Chair Hill commented on the base should include a bronze plaque for commemoration of the festival. Commissioner Cahalen commented on wanting a taller base. Chair Johnson commented on a preference for the in-flower lighting option. Commissioner Christiansen commented that the final product needs to look like a monument.

Public Comment: Trese Green: commented on a preference for adding the begonia event tiles to the base.

Motion to approve the Commission move forward with artist Nelson and Jaye to develop a final concept for council recommendation: Vice Chair Hill

Second: Commissioner Cahalen

Voting Yea: Commissioner Beltramo, Commissioner Cahalen, Commissioner Christiansen, Vice Chair Hill, Commissioner Major, Chair Johnson.

9. Future Agenda Items

Begonia Art Project, Plein Air, Monterey Railing Project,

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM to the next regular Art & Cultural Commission meeting on March 12, 2024.

ATTEST:

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