

March 20, 2014
9:06 A.M.
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Public Arts Committee met at the above date and time in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Judy Mayhew, Catherine Rickbone, Mary Peterson, Wyma Rogers, Sally Houck, and Karen Murphy. Also in attendance was City Council Liaison Ralph Busby, and City Recorder/Special Projects Director Peggy Hawker.

CALL TO ORDER

Rickbone called the March 20, 2014 meeting of the Public Arts Committee to order at 9:06 A.M. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 16, 2014

MOTION was made by Mayhew, seconded by Peterson to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

PERCENT FOR THE ARTS - NEW MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Hawker explained that verbiage was included in the RFP to alert the successful proposer that the city has a Percent for the Arts program, and that the architect would be required to meet with the Public Arts Committee relative to this program. She also read from the resolution a list of items that are not subject to the Percent for the Arts program, noting that essentially the only item subject to the program would be actual construction costs. She cautioned that the amount will not be one percent of the entire project/bond amount, but rather one percent of the construction costs. She indicated that this could be \$40,000 or less.

Rogers asked whether the Committee would be allowed to apply for grants for public art. It was noted that this would be a staff function. It was mentioned that grants might be available from the Oregon Arts Commission or the Oregon Cultural Trust.

A discussion ensued regarding the need to create a call-for-artist form for use with the swimming pool project, and it was agreed that this matter be included on the next agenda.

Rogers reviewed the process for the solicitation of art for the City Hall. She reported that a committee was formed and that it was given \$25,000 for art for the building. She noted that the committee had gone on day trips to other city halls that had art; an art presentation was made by Frank Geltner; and that a call-for-artists form and instructions were created. Rogers noted that the plans included sketches of places that art could be located, and that the committee had a walk-through before soliciting proposals. She added that consideration included blind proposals, and that the art jury opted not to give a point for

local artists. She noted that the committee made selections and required the artists to return to the committee with more specific proposals. She added that some specific pieces were proposed, including the weaving in the hallway. Rogers reported that the artists were invited to speak about their proposed projects. She added that the selection panel can specify what kind of work it is interested in, including material, size, etc.

Mayhew reported that she had googled pool art and that there many examples. Rogers noted that it might be difficult to find an artist to serve on the selection committee as many artists may wish to submit a proposal.

A discussion ensued regarding placement, and it was noted that the art would not necessarily have to be located in the pool, but could be placed outside the building. Rickbone noted that 80% of the percent for the arts monies should be used on-site.

SCULPTURE DONATION - UPDATE

Rickbone reported that she had signed the agreement prior to this meeting. She stated that OCCA will create a timeline and work with Jerry Harpster and the city on the ultimate installation of the piece. She noted that she would like to have it installed before the summer season.

PUBLIC ART INVENTORY DISCUSSION

Peterson reported that she had inventoried a piece at the VAC. Houck displayed a map of public art in Lincoln City that had been compiled by the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce. The map contained a list of public art and private galleries. It was noted that it is possible the galleries paid for the document to have their businesses listed. Busby noted that there may be an existing document that lists galleries, and Houck reported that the Nye Beach brochure lists galleries. A discussion ensued regarding whether the Chamber of Commerce would be interested in supporting a similar map for Newport. Mayhew agreed to contact Lorna Davis, Executive Director of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, regarding the possibility.

ESTABLISH NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed that the following items be included on the next agenda:

1. Public art flyer/brochure;
2. Development of a call-for-artists form;
3. Percent for the Arts - New Municipal Swimming Pool - Update
4. Sculpture Donation - Update
5. Public Art Inventory

ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2014, at 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.