

September 12, 2013  
9:00 A.M.  
Newport, Oregon

The City of Newport Public Arts Committee met at the above date and time in the Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. In attendance were Judy Mayhew, Karen Murphy, Wyma Rogers, Catherine Rickbone, and Sally Houck. Also in attendance was Jerry Harpster, trustee of the Mark Sponenburgh estate, Stacey Johns, from the Library, and City Recorder/Special Projects Director Peggy Hawker.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Rickbone called the September 12, 2013 meeting of the Public Arts Committee to order at 9:00 A.M.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 15, 2013**

MOTION was made by Mayhew, seconded by Murphy, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2013 meeting with changes as noted. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

### **PUBLIC ART INVENTORY DATABASE UPDATE**

Johns reported that she had utilized the database for public art to enter 40 items that are housed at the Library. She had several questions of the Committee, including: how incomplete can a reference be; and how far does she and the Committee go to fill in the holes. It was noted that it is critical to include the description and location, and to include everything the person performing the inventory can find, and the Committee will decide whether additional information is needed. Rickbone asked how long it takes to complete the inventory form per item, and Johns noted that it takes approximately five to seven minutes per item. Rogers noted that changes can be made to items as information becomes available. A discussion ensued regarding the inventory form, and Johns noted that the form is a good way to obtain as much information as possible. Rickbone asked whether there is information that should be included on the form that is not included. It was recommended that the margins be adjusted to get the inventory form on one page.

### **SCULPTURE DONATION - REVIEW MODEL/DRAWING OF PROPOSED SCULPTURE INSTALLATION AT SUGGETED LOCATION ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

Jerry Harpster, trustee of the Mark Sponenburgh estate, distributed a handout on the proposed donation and reviewed two potential sites for location of the sculpture. He reviewed the pros and cons of each site. He noted that the artist liked site two best, as did the OCCA staff. A discussion ensued regarding installation. Harpster suggested installing the sculpture on a six inch slab. He added that a plaque would be obtained to be located

on the base or in the concrete. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of obtaining two donated park benches for placement at the site. MOTION was made by Murphy, seconded by Rogers, to recommend that the donated sculpture be placed on city property at the corner of Olive and Coast Streets, at the preferred site (site two), with appropriate landscaping to be determined in consultation with OCCA, the artist, and Harpster. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. It was suggested that since the OCCA board would be discussing this matter at its meeting of October 22, the issue be moved forward to the City Council at its first meeting in November. It was noted that the issue would go to the City Council which would direct staff to prepare an agreement to allow the placement of the sculpture on city property and to outline responsibilities for maintenance, etc. Harpster reported that if the city approves the installation on city property, the installation may not occur until January or later. He added that the Sponenburgh trust would like to give the money to OCCA as soon as the city approves the location.

### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

A discussion ensued the "Request to the Public Arts Committee" form. It was suggested that question number 13 be deleted as it is a duplicate, and that questions four and five, on page one, become a statement, in italics, at the top of the form. Hawker agreed to bring the revised form to the next meeting.

Houck reported that she had been speaking with the fundraiser for the hospital foundation. She stated that part of the plan includes a sculpture garden, and that she had given him names of some of local artists.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT AGENDA**

The next agenda will include:

- A. Approval of Minutes;
- B. Sculpture Donation;
- C. Public Art Inventory;
- D. Presentation by Pacific Communities Hospital District Foundation Regarding the Proposed Sculpture Garden at the New Education Facility;
- E. Public Comment.

### **ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on October 31, 2013.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M.