

MINUTES OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON APRIL 27, 1994

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Freeman Tinnin, Richard Raisler, Chris Beale, Marcy Friedman, Barbara Milman, Ellen Van Fleet, Jeff Townsend

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: George Esquibel

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Walker, Nancy Esajian, Kathy Gee, Virginia Bailey

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. and minutes for April 6 were approved as written.

II. Action Item

Approval of RFP - Convention Center Wall Sites. Nancy presented a staff report describing Wall Sites A and B. Site A will be two murals commissioned at \$10,000 each. The chosen artist(s) for the project will use photographic imagery to create the art, using enlarged photos, etc. The two sites are not visible at the same time, so two different artists may do the work. Applicants must reside in Northern California.

Site B is the East Ballroom Terrace Wall and adjoining areas with a commission amount of \$50,000. The terrace area floor surface will be active with portable equipment (bars and chairs) being moved in and out to suit various events. The surface needs to be flush to the floor if it is also treated with artwork. The wall is 80 feet long and has the potential for building benches in front of it. A glass curtain wall separates the terrace from the building interior, so consideration of the interior artwork wall pieces working with the exterior artwork seems appropriate.

A motion was made by Richard Raisler and seconded by Jeff Townsend to approve Wall Sites A & B. Motion passed Ayes 6, Noes 0.

III. Discussion Items

Program Update. Sheriff's Substation dedication is May 4. Sculpture has been installed.

Children's Festival. Staff will be giving two tours to Stanford Settlement children grades 3-4 and 5-6 on April 28 and May 5. A slide presentation will be given before the tour. Kodak will be supplying single-use cameras for the children, develop the film, and provide prints. Many prints will be put on CD's to show at the Children's Festival!

Fairbairn Water Quality Lab. The ceramic tile installation on seat walls was to have begin in November 1993. Because of differences in the specifications of the seat walls provided to the artist Maria Alquilar and the dimensions of the finished seat walls, the artwork did not fit. After several months of negotiating with the artist, staff has amended her contract with the assistance of the City Attorney's office. Installation will begin this week.

Committee discussed how to maximize communications among all parties involved--artist, staff, project manager--to reduce the chances of misinformation being given, and ensure that changes in plans are distributed.

Deaccessioning of Sacramento County Jail Aquarium/Planter Benches. The Sacramento County Jail lobby will be remodeled this fall. The aquarium and planter benches will be removed. The artist will be notified of the deaccessioning and will be invited to comment to the APP Committee. APP staff will meet with County staff regarding an alternative site for the benches. The aquarium will be offered back to the artist. The (slate) in the lobby cannot be preserved and will be demolished.

IV. Old Business

Earth moving has been accomplished at Cavanaugh Golf Course in preparation for the link style course design. Kathleen Noonan and Jeffery Reed will do a mural in the lobby area for \$15,000, and the remainder of the \$28,000 commission will go for 5 seating benches with art work on the top surface (approximately 8 feet). Material used will be slate, stone, and landscape imagery. They may incorporate a photograph of the golf course into the mural. Noonan and Reed are also considering designing trash receptacles to coordinate with the benches and will bid for that project, separate from APP. The committee would like the artists to present their plan at an APP Committee meeting.

V. New Business

The Arts Commission/Committees and Friends of the Arts Commission Board are invited to attend a reception at the Crocker Art Museum, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. for the California State Summer School for Arts.

A SMAC Reception and Orientation is scheduled for May 26 at 5:30 p.m. for Arts Commission/Committees and Friends of the Arts Commission Board. The purpose of the reception is to give everyone an awareness of the programs of Metro Arts. An overview with slides, charts, and videos will explain who and what Metro Arts is all about.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.