

MINUTES OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 15, 1990

PRESENT: Freeman Tinnen, Acting Chair
Jim Albertson
Donna Shelloe
Michael Pribich
Lynn Jones
Brandy Murtishaw

ABSENT: Allan Gordon

STAFF PRESENT:
Consuelo Underwood
Lorna McLeod

GUESTS: Raymond Rotollo

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the January 18, 1990 meeting were approved (M/S: Albertson/Shelloe).

III. ACTION ITEMS:

Underwood reviewed the artists selected for the Traffic Small Claims Court floor and sculpture, however, the maquettes were being photographed and were unavailable for the committee to review. The committee decided to postpone approval of the artists until the March 1 special meeting date.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Media coverage was discussed in light of the article in the Sacramento Bee Forum section on February 11 by Ellen Schlesinger. General consensus was that the article poorly and less than factually represented Sacramento's Art in Public Places program. A decision was made that Underwood would respond to inaccuracies about the panel process and the original intent of involving artists, citizens, and people from the site, and that the committee would write letters to the editor with their individual comments.

B. Dr. Gordon will report on media plan at the March 1 special meeting. Tinnen suggested that committee members draft letters by March 1. Shelloe commented on importance of being as positive as possible, not using negatives, but using positive examples to illustrate points.

C. Downtown Plaza Project Update: The Hahn Company has agreed not to try to move the Indo Arch. Underwood met with the Downtown Plaza Group including architects from Roma Partners and Tamara Thomas, project art consultant to talk about sites and types of art. A desire was expressed to use light in the form of lasers and prisms as part of the design. Underwood provided Thomas with information about local artists. Underwood reminded of the meeting March 1 to review proposed art for this project. Members suggested viewing the model prior to the meeting. Underwood arranged for members to view model at 660 J Street.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

VI. STAFF REPORT

Civic Center Plaza Garage: Underwood noted that the Civic Center Plaza Garage was approved by City Council, however, it will go back to them in April.

Corporate Center Trust: Staff met with George Rich, Ken Wang, and representatives of the Sammis Corporation on February 12. An agreement is in process to close loopholes in the process.

Additions: Regarding the Downtown Plaza Project, Old Town does not want to be cut off so the developers and architects will look at the linkages to make sure access is clear. Regarding "Laserium" by Orosco, it has sustained considerable damage due to graffiti and should be cleaned, restored and a new protective coating put on it. Staff has sent a letter to the Redevelopment Agency and Old Sacramento Association regarding this issue.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.