

**APP MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2001
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
HEARING ROOM #1**

In attendance: Burnett Miller/Chair, Bernadette Chiang, Donald Sronce Nanette Roe, Lynn Jones, Galelyn Williams.

Absent/ Excused: Paulette Trainor, Marney Wasserman, Nancy Gotthart

Guests: Tim Denham, Committee applicant, Steve Vanoni, artist,

Staff: Linda Bloom and Alice Porembski.

Accept the Agenda. Move to accept the Agenda as stated. All in favor.

Approve minutes from January 10, 2001 meeting. Move to approve minutes as written. , so moved Don Sronce, second Bernadette Chiang. All in favor.

Action Items:

1. Approve APP Arts Plan for Hagginwood Community Center (City). A. Porembski provided background information L. Jones so moved to approve, D. Sronce second. All in favor.
2. Approve APP Arts Plan for Evelyn C. Moore Center (City). A. Porembski provided background information. D. Sronce and N. Roe will serve on the art selection panel. Doris Van Hook will be the community member on the panel. B. Chaing moved to approve, G. Williams second. All in favor.
3. Approve Artist Dennis Oppenheim and proposal for Sacramento International Airport Parking Garage (County).
 - L. Bloom presented Dennis Oppenheim's slides and resume. He was selected from 250 applications. Other finalist's names and proposals were explained.
 - B. Miller reviewed that County Exec., T. Schutten thought that the topiaries would not work. There is too much maintenance involved. T. Schutten spoke on a conference call with D. Oppenheim and pointed out these problems. D. Oppenheim has thought of other colorful materials or lexan plastic with lights inside. He would still like to keep some topiaries on the ground. If approved by all, his contract would be based on engineering and resolution of all design issues.
 - L. Bloom said D. Oppenheim mentioned lighting inside and the reason why he wanted topiary birds. To have plants growing on flying sculptures would create a surreal sensation. Topiaries would require an increase in the size of planters on the garage. T. Schutten did not support that. D. Oppenheim said he would also put birds in light wells and on back of garage.
 - B. Miller would like to see ponds put in and birds on the backside of the garage. B. Chaing likes the proposal and thinks it is memorable and exciting. G. Williams thinks that if the plants die on the topiaries the birds will still look beautiful. L. Jones said that the Hyatt has no problems with their topiaries.
 - L Bloom said that D. Oppenheim wants to be paid for future design work and that his proposal, if supported, needs to be approved now to keep the project moving along so that integrated utilities will be available.
 - N. Roe asked where D. Oppenheim heard about the airport garage call for artists. L. Bloom said there was an advertisement for it in Art in America and Art News- national art magazines.
 - B. Chaing moved to accept artist and concept to be decided, final proposal and budget. D. Sronce second. All in favor.

New Business

1. There are some new committee positions opening up. Brent Smith and Tom Denham would like to apply.
 - N. Roe asked if there was a conflict with Brent Smith applying because he is a Board Member of the Contemporary Art Group. L. Bloom said no as long as he does not represent artists.
 - T. Denham presented himself. He is a Urban Planner referred by Mark Truscott. T. Denham feels that art culture is important to urban planning and that he would bring a good perspective as an urban planner. He was previously worked on arts plans in Roseville. He feels he would bring good discussions and optimize budgets for art plans.

- G. Williams asked T. Denham if he has an art background. T. Denham said no, but he has an appreciation for art and feels art goes beyond visual, it makes one think. He has worked with artists as part of landscape projects.

Updates

- Cahill sculptures: Steve Vanoni and Linda Bloom attended Parks meeting. 5 people will serve as volunteers to help find sights. He is lobbying to keep the work downtown. D. Sronce asked about storage. S. Vanoni said that he has some space on Del Paso Blvd. D. Sronce asked about our gates. S. Vanoni met with Don Tamasky to see how to disassemble them to reinstall them. L. Bloom said that we need to move the sculptures soon, B. Miller agreed to speak to Fred Teichert. We need to get the art out of Power Inn Road; Bird and Egg (Crocker Museum), Dog and Cat, Pink Alien, Blue Cyclops sculpture.
- G. Williams and D. Sronce will work with parks to site the footings. Roosevelt and Fremont Parks (possible sites?) agreed to bring sculptures for the various sites.
- SMUD schedule
- An Anonymous letter was sent. B. Miller said you cannot answer the letter if we don't know whom it's from. L. Bloom said the person/people who wrote the letter want commissioners or committee members that are more visible. G. Williams said studio visits would be good. N. Roe said that artists should initiate invitation to committee/ commissioners. G. Williams said that if we are able to make studio visits we should. B. Chaing feels that artists will expect something and visits should not become a responsibility because you will always miss someone. They should invite us, but it favors those artists good at marketing their work. N. Roe said we should record the letter in response. All felt that APP staff should not make studio visits unless invited.
- There are two APP workshops coming up in April and May with CLA.
- 2 Brochures went out: 1. Sacramento Artist Small Project Slide Bank and 2. SMUD Recycled Show with \$7,000 in awards.
- L. Bloom gave update on Airport Bridge project. Commissions overturned committee's decision and voted to reopen the entire process with a new RFQ. B. Miller said he never expected the decision would go in this direction. B. Chaing said she was unhappy and spoke with John Wong. She is disgruntled with commission not supporting the issue. It is a waste of committee time if they do not ask our opinions in making a decision. Michelle said she would make a retreat with the staff, commission, and Friends. B. Miller said he encourages a retreat and demands an explanation of what happened, why and how. B. Miller said the committee will draft a letter and bring it here next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.