
Minutes
Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee
Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission
August 26, 2008

Minutes of the Public Art/AIPD Committee meeting that took place at 5 p.m. on August 26, 2008, in the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Betsy Fahlman – Chair
Robert Bortfeld
Judy Ellison
Shirlee King

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Elizabeth Lagman, Public Art Specialist
Rachael A. Peterson, Cultural Services Division Administrative Assistant
Maja Switzer, Arts Administrator

Guest Present:

Joan Baron, Visual Artist
Rob Schramm, Kitchell Development Company

Agenda Item 1 – Call to order

Betsy Fahlman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – AIPD: Lakes Towne Center Phase 1

- B. Fahlman introduced the following visitors:
 - Joan Baron, Visual Artist
 - Rob Schramm, Kitchell Development Company
- R. Schramm announced that the Kitchell Development Company selected visual artist J. Baron to fulfill Kitchell's art in private development (AIPD) requirement for the Lakes Towne Center, a development located on the corner of Rural and Baseline. Schramm added that the 11-acre development will house Lowes and a strip mall.
- Elizabeth Lagman, city of Tempe Public Art Specialist, reported that Kitchell's budget for J. Baron's piece is \$76,000; Kitchell's required budget is \$71,823.

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- J. Baron presented the TMAC Public Art/AIPD Committee with a maquette of her proposed piece.
 - J. Baron stated that her proposed AIPD piece focuses on sustainability and the reclamation of materials; Baron added that she was able to save, reuse and reinvent dirt and automobile parts from the site's original, demolished Earnhardt Ford development to create three monolithic sculptural forms that are 13', 9' and 7' tall.
 - J. Baron explained that the colors of the sculptural forms exist because of natural oxides and minerals that have been added to the reclaimed soil. Baron added that recycled automobile parts will become part of the sculptural forms as they are caged behind structural steel in small channels in the forms. Baron stated that the forms are sturdy, rammed-earth designs.
- MOTION: Robert Bortfeld moved to approve the proposed Lakes Towne Center Phase I AIPD project.**
- SECOND: Shirlee King seconded.**
- DECISION: Lakes Towne Center Phase I AIPD project approved.**
- R. Schramm announced that the project may have a completion date of December, 2008.
 - L. Lagman stated that the Lakes Towne Center Phase I project will appear on the September 10 TMAC Agenda as an action item for approval.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- L. Lagman reported that the Double Butte Cemetery Artist Selection Panel is meeting at 2 p.m. on August 27 in the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts Multipurpose Room to review four proposals submitted by the following project finalists:
 - Seyed Alavi
 - Jim Hirschfield and Sonya Ishii
 - Aaron P. Hussey
 - Nina Solomon and Heidi Dauphin
- L. Lagman added that the "Tilted Landscape" project renovation process has a tentative completion date of December, 2008. Lagman added that she is presently addressing the piece's plumbing and drainage concerns.
- L. Lagman reported that Hudson Park has recently updated its curbing and sprinkler systems. Lagman reminded the committee that the installation of M. Lucking's pieces begins in fall, 2008.
- L. Lagman announced that a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on November 20 at the Tempe Public Library to review Jeanine Centuori and Russell Rock's (UrbanRock Design) artwork proposal in regards to the Tempe Historical Museum renovation.
- L. Lagman invited the committee to attend the Peanut Butter and Jam Children's Concert Series taking place from 10 – 11 a.m. on September 27 in the Tempe Community Center Complex Courtyard, 3500 S. Rural Road.
- B. Fahlman encouraged the committee members to view an article written by Roberta Smith titled, "Public Art – Eyesore to Eye Candy." Lagman asked Rachael A. Peterson, Cultural Services Division Admin. Asst., to forward Smith's article to all TMAC members via email message.

Agenda Item 4 - Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Betsy Fahlman at 5:38 p.m.

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