

Minutes

**Special Meeting of the
Clark County Public Art Committee
Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at 3:30 pm
Winchester Cultural Center
3130 S. McLeod Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121**

Clark County Public Art Committee members in attendance: Patricia Dominguez, Keith Conley, Louisa McDonald, Vicki Richardson, Lisa Stamanis, Eric Strain

Members of the public in attendance: None

Clark County Public Art Committee members with excused absences: Robert Fielden

Clark County Public Art Committee members with unexcused absences: none

Clark County Staff: Patrick Gaffey, program supervisor

Patrick Gaffey announced a quorum had assembled and called the meeting to order at 3:35.

Patricia Dominguez moved that the minutes of the August 26, 2014 be accepted. Louisa McDonald seconded, and the motion passed.

Patricia Dominguez moved that the minutes of the special September 11 meeting be accepted. Lisa Stamanis seconded. Discussion followed, and after three changes were accepted, the motion passed.

Comments by General Public: none

Patrick Gaffey reported that the process of hiring a new Cultural Specialist was not yet complete. He said he would notify the Committee when one was chosen. He announced that the Committee's rules and procedures had not yet been approved, so election of a chair and vice chair were delayed until the rules and procedures are approved.

He announced that Program Administrator Candy Rutledge had worked out procedures with the Purchasing Department for issuing calls for artists, and that as soon as a new Cultural Specialist is in place, the specialist could write and issue calls for artists for both the Child Haven project and the Siegfried and Roy Park project.

The Committee discussed the Siegfried and Roy Park project and affirmed that, as discussed at the September 11 meeting, art would be commissioned for the eastern end of the park, along Maryland Parkway and the corner at Russell Road.

The group discussed ways of addressing the request from Public Works that the Committee have artists design sculptures for street medians. Patrick clarified that Public Works' offer is that if the Art Committee paid artists to design such sculptures, Public Works will pay to make them and install them around the County. Various procedures were discussed, including commissioning an increasing number of models that could be chosen from for different locations or commissioning sculptures for specific neighborhoods that would reflect the nature and values of each. Patrick said he would meet further with Public Works to gain a better understanding of the offer and its limitations.

Vicki Richardson said that she feels the Committee is unwisely restricted by the Art Plan, in that the Committee is a resource with much expertise, yet separate juries will select artists without input from the Committee. Patrick confirmed that those are the procedures laid down by the County Commission, but that the Committee had discussed adding one of its members to each jury, which would seem to fit within the County guidelines. Vicki felt that such representation would be insufficient and asked whether the Committee might review all applications in parallel with a jury, then recommend to the jury which artist to choose. She also asked whether the Committee might review applications for the position of Cultural Specialist and make recommendations in that case. She had some support among the committee for these comments. Patrick said that the current hiring process was too far along for the Committee's input, but that he would ask Parks administration whether it might consider giving the Committee input into artist selection as described or into hiring on future occasions. He said he will report back with the answers.

Patrick announced that the Zap artists are currently painting their boxes in the Whitney neighborhood and that the Zap 6 dedication is still scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 5712 E. Missouri Ave. near Tropicana Avenue and Boulder Highway.

Patricia moved for adjournment. Louisa seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting ended at 4:55 p.m.

The Art Committee meets next at Winchester Cultural Center, Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.