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**APPROVED ACTION MINUTES**

PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE  
 CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
 MINUTES OF December 02, 2020

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE:**

The notice of the meeting was posted on November 24, 2020.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Vertz called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Vertz read a prepared statement about remote public participation

**2. ROLL CALL:**      **Present:**      Chair Vertz, Vice Chair Mills-Thysen, and Committee Members Langberg, Stucker, and Arnold  
                                  **Absent:**            None  
                                  **Staff:**                Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director  
                                                             Alan Montes, Associate Planner

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** November 04, 2020

Committee Member Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Committee Member Stucker requested a revision to the minutes.

Committee Member Arnold amended his motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Vice Chair Mills-Thysen seconded the motion.

VOTE:                    Ayes:                    Vice Chair Mills-Thysen, and Committee Members Langberg, Arnold, and Stucker  
                                  Noes:                    None  
                                  Abstain:                Chair Vertz  
                                  Absent:                 None

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None.

**5. STATEMENTS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

**6. REGULAR AGENDA:**

A. Support for artists during Covid-19 – Artist Lottery

Director Svanstrom noted that one additional submittal had been received from an artist named Patricia Marina.

Per their discussion at the last meeting, \$4,000 will be divided evenly amongst the four entrants for a total of \$1,000 each.

The recipients are:

James Reynolds  
Stella Monday  
Shelley Rae  
Patricia Marina

Director Svanstrom suggested that a subcommittee be formed to assist the recipients who may wish to promote their work by displaying inside City facilities which she could help facilitate.

Chair Vertz and Vice Chair expressed a willingness to work in that capacity.

Director Svanstrom responded that they would be helping to curate, understand, and help coordinate which pieces make sense to go where.

Vice Chair Mills-Thysen asked Director Svanstrom to email contact information for the recipients to her and Chair Vertz.

Director Svanstrom responded in the affirmative.

B. Ned Kahn Public Art – Update

Committee Member Arnold provided an update. During his update he indicated that Mr. Kahn is working on an idea for the Morris Street site, that he is building a mockup, and that he expects to have a new proposal with renderings and video to run by the Public Arts Committee after a week or two. He also commented that Mr. Kahn thinks this is a great path forward.

C. Sculpture Garden Subcommittee RFP/Call for Artists

The Committee discussed and agreed upon further revisions to the RFP/Call for Artists.

Committee Member Arnold made a motion to approve the Call as amended.

Committee Member Stucker seconded the motion.

VOTE:	Ayes:	Chair Vertz, Vice Chair Mills-Thysen, and Committee Members Langberg, Arnold, and Stucker
	Noes:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	None

Committee Member Stucker updated the Committee on his communications with art organizations across Sonoma County.

Expressed a desire to have Holly Hansen release a save-the-date teaser with really limited information as an upcoming item on the City's social media pages and in the City's electronic newsletter.

Committee Member Stucker offered to email the save-the-date teaser to the group of art organizations across Sonoma County that he has been in contact with as well.

The Committee was in consensus on holding the save-the-date teaser release until after the January 01, 2021.

Committee Member Langberg offered to reach out to Creative Sonoma as that was not an organization that Committee Member Stucker reached out to.

Committee Member Stucker indicated that he had added area public art committees as other possible groups to contact as well.

Chair Vertz offered to reach out to the Petaluma Public Art Committee.

Committee Member Langberg spoke on the temporary art installations by Ned Kahn at the Hotel Sebastopol site and the possibility of holding an opening of some sort.

Committee Member Langberg spoke on the temporary parklet installations that were recently installed downtown.

## **7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT (Update on Future Agendas, Action of Other Boards and City Council)**

Director Svanstrom updated the Committee on the following:

- Installation of 3 temporary parklets in our downtown.

The Committee discussed opportunities for beautification of the temporary parklet space.

Chair Vertz offered to be the Committee liaison for this, if needed, although she would not want the Committee to be a hinderance towards getting this moving. She further offered to be a contact, and to use her connections in any way that may be beneficial.

Committee Member Stucker volunteered to be a contact for one of the businesses.

Vice Chair Mills-Thysen volunteered to be a contact for Mimi's.

Chair Vertz offered to work with Retrograde although she was flexible if Committee Member Stucker would prefer to work with them.

Committee Member Stucker commented that he did not have a preference.

Director Svanstrom updates continued:

- Council election results.
- New mayor and vice mayor selection.
- Michael McGinnis public art installation.
- Possible beautification efforts at Ives Park that may placed on a future Public Arts Committee agenda.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT:** Committee Member Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Stucker seconded the motion. Chair Vertz adjourned the meeting of the Sebastopol Public Arts Committee at 12:00 p.m. The next regular Public Arts Committee meeting will be held on January 06, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kari Svanstrom  
Planning Director