



Bernalillo County Arts Board

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11th, 2013

415 Tijeras NW 87102

10th Floor Conference Room B

City/County Government Center, Once Civic Plaza

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Members Present:

Paul Waters, Chairperson, Dist. 4

Sarah Hartford, Dist. 3

Louis Schalk, Dist. 1

Shawn Turung, Dist. 1

Leo Korte, Dist. 2

Ron Romero, Dist. 2

Margie Weinstein, Dist. 3

Sondra Diepen, Dist. 4

Myrna Smyer, Dist. 5

William Burk III, Dist. 5

Members Excused:

All Present

Staff Present:

Commissioner Art De La Cruz, Dist. 2

Dolores Herrera, Commission Assistant Dist. 2

Nan Masland, Public Art Manager

Paul Evans, Cable TV Director

Guests Present:

Joe Stephenson, Artist

Gabrielle Uballez, Working Classroom

Pat Ruiloba, Adobe Acres Neighborhood Association

I. Call to order

Chairperson Waters welcomes Ron Romero, Dist. 2 representative to the Arts Board. Ron Romero is an architect with vast design/build experience. For over 20 years he has served on the board of many non-profits.

II. **Approval of the agenda:**

Chairperson Waters entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Burk

SECONDER: M. Smyer

III. **Approval of the minutes:**

N. Masland informs the Board that minutes will be available at next month's meeting

IV. **Project Updates:**

1. **Dist. 5 James McGrane**

B. Burk and M. Smyer have been attending meetings about the project and will give further updates after their working group meeting on December 18th. Cassandra Reid will be at the meeting and they will report back about any progress.

2. **Hiland Theater**

Call for Hiland Theater Sculpture and Bus Shelter is posted on CaFE – callforentry.com Arts Board members are encouraged to share the call with all interested artists. Call closes on January 14th 2014.

3. **Outposts Update**

The Outposts subcommittee has developed a summary of the project and presents it to the Arts Board. B. Burk will contact the Design Review Committee (DRC) at the City of Albuquerque and bring a site plan for review. S. Turung shares that the committee is interested in increasing budget for each call from \$100,000 to \$120,000 to include five sculptures at \$20,000 and a \$3,000 base for each piece. They plan to have a site plan and prospectus by January 30th for a call posting in March to be installed by the end of September.

L. Korte expresses concerns about relocating the sculptures every two years. Chairperson Waters suggests moving forward with the project as planned and learning from the experience.

4. **Sandia Artwork**

Now that N. Masland has returned from maternity leave, this project will be revisited.

5. **Westside Pumping Station Mural**

Joe Stephenson and Gabrielle Uballez make a presentation in response to earlier questions about a mural for the Westside Pumping Station. The wall is owned by the Water Utility Authority (WUA) and a MOU is currently being signed for use of the wall for this project. Ms. Uballez speaks about her experience as an arts administrator and advocate in New York City and is excited that her organization, Working Classroom is partnering with Joe Stephenson on this project. She has worked with him in the past and he is known as the "Godfather of the Mural Program". She shares the value of art in social practice and the importance of community participation in the mural. She informs the board that they will be receiving a high quality piece of art.

Pat Ruiloba is a police officer with APS at Atrisco Heritage Academy and is a member of the Adobe Acres Neighborhood Association and speaks in support of this mural project. He is excited that his community can be involved in such an important project. He would love to see the students at his school become involved in this project.

Commissioner De La Cruz speaks about how a project like this can increase community pride and reduce graffiti and vandalism. As a former parks professional he understands that engaging youth through meaningful projects is what is most important. Commissioner mentions that the wall used to be covered with graffiti but Bernalillo County is doing a good job of removing it quickly,

but the wall is still an eyesore. The county will take responsibility for preparing the surface of the wall for the artwork.

Joe Stephenson states the budget for the project is \$43,000 which will cover phase one – painting from the tower – a taller area of the wall – out to the street.

Dolores Herrera states that they will work closely with the team who is preparing the wall to ensure that it is done properly. \$10,000 of Commissioner’s discretionary funds will go towards the preparation of the wall. She expresses the positive impact this project will have on South Valley youth. She shares that many youth in her district do not get many opportunities such as this one and believes that this project will provide youth with an excellent opportunity.

Chairperson Waters inquires about the timeline for the project. Gabrielle Uballez states that the project will take place starting in April and be completed by August. Myrna Smyer asks if Parks and Recreation would help with landscaping once the mural is complete.

6. NM Expo Mural Project

Now that N. Masland has returned from maternity leave, this project will be revisited.

7. Fisher Smith Gymnasium

The Arts Board will meet at the Fisher Smith Gym in spring or summer to brainstorm about a project.

8. Dist 2. Public Safety Facility Plaza - BCSO Fallen Officers

The subcommittee is working on the scope of the project

9. Bernalillo County Commission Meeting date TBD to honor outgoing Arts Board Members Janet Ward and Irene Kersting and accept the donations from Therese Evangel and Monika Kaden.

10. Video Viewing of Richard Rocco Memorial Dedication P. Waters shares the video of the dedication and Chairperson Waters thanks him for his stewardship of the public art program while N. Masland was out of the office. In addition he expresses gratitude for P. Evan’s ability to make videos that promote our Public Art Program.

V. **Announcements and Events:** Women and Creativity Panel Discussion in March for women on the Arts Board

S. Diepen invites all to attend a docent lead tour by Carol Chamberlain of the African American exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum on December 16 at 1 pm.

VI. **Announcement of Next Meeting:** Wednesday January 8, 1:30, One Civic Plaza, 10th Floor Conference Room B

VII. **Adjournment:** Chair P. Waters entertained a motion to adjourn the Arts Board meeting.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]