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ArtsCommission Of the City of Rio Rancho

MINUTES

July 14, 2011 6:00 P.M.

City Hall Parks, Recreation and Community Services Large Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jaymes Dudding
Lois Moreno
Linda Laitner
Margaret Oster
Paula M. Scott

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Hart Dyane Sonier

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Laitner called the meeting to order at 6: 00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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The motion passed by a vote 5 for and none against.

Yes: Dudding, Laitner, Moreno, Oster, Scott

No: None Absent: Blocker

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTES EACH)

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

1. Blue Horse Statue – Presented by Connie Walsh, Parks and Recreation Commissioner. Connie Walsh informed the group that she had sat on the Aesthetics and Quality of Life Task Force which had supported art in public places, especially in the Round- abouts and at public buildings. She feels that she has an opportunity for the Art Commission in the form of a blue, metal horse statue. The statue is cast, is hollow and is 4'9" high, 5' long and 18" wide. Connie had a welder explain how rebar supports – to mount it onto a concrete pedestal or into the ground could be mounted to the horse's hooves to ensure it is not stolen, and she has a person who is willing to pay for that as well as the pedestal supplies if the Art Commission requires either. Connie also said there are some minor repairs that she will work with her friend on completing before handing over to the RRAC.

Connie Walsh informed the group that the owner of the horse (if not the artist) was Kristy Nawman, a local artist who restored carosel horses. She passed away this year and the horse came to Connie through her nephew.

Linda said this would be a great opportunity for the RRAC, but the only hold up would be that the commission does not have a policy or procedure in place to accept art donations. Connie said that Western New Mexico University will give her feedback/an offer in August, so Linda said the RRAC could have policies and procedures in place within the next 60-90 days. After discussing who could put these documents together Jaymes said that it is the type of work that the subcommittee that he and Tracey are on would do, so they will begin working on it.

Jay Hart said that the City could accept the piece of art. There would be some paperwork involved, the City would then be responsible for it, would have to insure it, but the City would ask the commission for an evaluation/recommendation that the horse would be a benefit to the City, and the City should accept it. Jay then said that the City would want the Commission to also recommend preferred locations – such as parks, round-abouts, at city buildings, etc. The artist's nephew had asked that since parks south of Ridgecrest have many amenities, that it be installed somewhere north of that road. Connie said that she had considered an area around City Hall – maybe the area by the City Councilor's offices.

Jaymes asked what the current value of the piece was. Connie replied \$800 as it sits.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY TO ACCEPT BLUE HORSE FOR ART COLLECTION:

Paula Scott made a motion that the Rio Rancho Arts Commission feels that the Blue Horse is an appropriate piece of art for the City to accept as a donation to add to the City art collection. Lois Moreno seconded. Jaymes Dudding said that there should be a plaque with the artist's name, art medium, etc. installed with the piece. The group will need to propose possible locations for the City Manager's approval. There was no additional discussion.

The motion passed by a vote 5 for and none against.

Yes: Dudding, Laitner, Moreno, Oster, Scott

No: None Absent: Blocker

Jay Hart said that the City's Parks & Rec. Dept. would take the lead to install pedestal (or not) and bring horse to installation site once the spot has been selected.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

1. Financing the Commission

The group discussed various methods to increase income to the RRAC including:

- a. Grants
- b. Events
- c. Lodging, convention, developers contributions to the arts
- d. Donations
- e. City councilors funding from their discretionary funds
- f. General obligation bonds
- g. Silent autions

2. The commissioners agreed that they would each come back to the August meeting with a draft plan for an event that would increase the visability of art in the community and to generate revenue for the RRAC. Linda Laitner indicated that she would not be at the August meeting but Jaymes Dudding would be chairing the meeting and the agenda would continue the discussion.

1	REPORTS (5 MINUTE SUMMARY EACH)
2 3 4	None Scheduled on the Agenda
5 6	OTHER BUSINESS
7 8	None
9	ADJOURNMENT
10 11	Chairperson Laitner called for adjournment. All members agreed, there was no additional discussion.
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. APPROVED THIS 11 th DAY OF AUGUST, 2011 Finda Laitner, Chairperson
19	ATTEST:
20 21 22 23	Dyané Sonier, Resource Development Manager