ArtsCommission
Of the
City of Rio Rancho

MINUTES

January 12, 2012
6:00 P.M.
City Hall Parks, Recreation and Community Services Large Conference Room

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MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jaymes Dudding
Paula Scott
Krysia Napiorkowski
Kristi McFarlin

STAFF PRESENT:
Jay Hart
Dyane Sonier

CALL TO ORDER

Jaymes Dudding called the meeting to order at 6: 02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jaymes Dudding asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2011. Paula Scott motioned for approval. Seconded by Krysia Napiorkowski. There was no discussion among the members.

The motion passed by a vote 4 for and none against.
Yes: Dudding, Scott, Napiorkowski, McFarlin
No: None
Absent: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTES EACH)

Joe McDonnell of 736 Chihuahua introduced himself and indicated he is interested in joining the Commission and serving District 6.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Kristi McFarlin and Krysia Napiorkowski introduced themselves to the other Commissioners and the sitting Commissioners and staff returned their introductions.

REPORTS

1. UNM Art Project: Jaymes Dudding informed the group that the contract was currently under review by all parties and that the LSC, UNM and City would work together to generate a press release for the project and support the article that is being created by Rocky Hayes who works for The Observer and who sat on the LSC for this project. The art installation is called "Gateway to Lupus" made of cor-teen steel arches in the configuration of the constellation of Lupus.

2. HP Art Project: Dyane Sonier informed the group that there were no changes since the last meeting report.

3. SSCAFCA/Gateway Flood Wall project: Jay Hart briefly explained the project and process

for the benefit of the new Commissioners and confirmed that the Commission should not expect to see much change with the art installation until the spring when warmer temperatures would allow for art work installation. He also reminded the group that the City hoped to install educational and interpretive signage on both sides of the floodwall installation once the art and construction of the Park/Pond is complete.

4. Update on Revenue Opportunity for Board Through the Bravo Awards Model: Paula Scott told the group that she was not able to get ahold of the main contact for Creative Albuquerque's Bravo Awards, but she will once their event is concluded. She also gave the group a brief background of the concept for the benefit of new commissioners.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

1. **Nominations and Election of Board Positions (Chair, Vice Chair).**

Jaymes Dudding opened the floor up for nominations for Chair. Paula Scott nominated Jaymes Dudding as Chair Person.

Jaymes Dudding nominated Paula Scott as Vice Chair. After discussion about both nominations Jay Hart recommended having a six month Chair and Vice Chair appointment.

Election of RRAC Chairperson:

Paula Scott made a motion to elect Jaymes Dudding as the RRAC Chairperson. Kristi McFarlin seconded.

The motion passed by a vote 4 for and none against.

Yes: Dudding, Napirokowski, McFarlin, Scott
No: None
Absent: None

Election of RRAC Vice Chairperson:

Jaymes Dudding made a motion to elect Paula Scott as the RRAC Vice-Chairperson. Kristi McFarlin seconded.

The motion passed by a vote 4 for and none against.

Yes: Dudding, Napirokowski, McFarlin, Scott
No: None
Absent: None

2. **Review of Five Year Plan, 2011 Goals and Objectives, Plan to review and propose Goals and Objectives for 2012.**

Jaymes Dudding reviewed the Vision, Mission and overall goals for the Commission that were included in the 2010 presentation to City Council and the list of Priorities and Subcommittees for the Commission completed in February, 2011. These items were summarized and provided to Commissioners on two handouts.

Kristi asked as the RRAC plans to move forward, is the Vision statement one that would allow Rio Rancho to distinguish itself from surrounding communities like Santa Fe and Albuquerque through public art. Paula told her that to date there was no specific goal or plan for branding the city through art (yet). Kristi asked if this could be addressed in the RRAC's goals. Paula replied that the RRAC was initially not able to answer this question themselves in a definitive manner, however along the way they can do it by embracing the Mission Statement. Jaymes said that that identity or brand would grow organically over time and this could be done by having an unspoken criteria for art that supported Rio Rancho artist's first (such as was done with the UNM West art project).

Kristi also asked about the one million dollars for the Unser Blvd. landscaping, what would that money be used for, and if they didn't spend it all, what would happen to that money. Dyane said that she didn't know that they had a fixed amount for the landscaping yet, but she did review the plans and they included cor-teen steel installations for aesthetic drainage features in the medians, and shade structures and benches on the sides of the streets, but she also didn't know if those improvements were part of the upcoming phase's plan. Jay said that if Bond or MRCOG funds were being used for the Unser project that those funds are designated for a fairly specific scope of work and it could be difficult to redirect any funds. Jay will inquire about this project.

The group discussed the top four priority projects of 2011. The group indicated that they needed to consider the priorities and the subcommittee membership and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

3. Policies and Procedures.

The group discussed the existing and needed policies and procedures as they related to specific functions and activities of the RRAC. Dyane mentioned that Tracey Blocker had provided two draft contracts for accepting donated art – as hard copies at a previous meeting, and that she would get electronic versions before the next meeting.

Paula gave a background of the first project – Art at City Facilities for the new members as it covered or crossed over many of the other categories on the list. Dyane explained the list to the members and explained how she took the categories from the previous year's meeting minutes and identified where there was a lack of any or a lack or Rio Rancho- specific versions for each.

Jay said that staff would try to have a draft policy for Art in City Hall by the next meeting.

The group discussed the need for policies/procedures for Art in the Park as the Parks and Recreation Department would like to continue to hold the event with assistance from the RRAC. Paula also described how she would obtain draft documents for the Bravo Award fundraiser/event.

As the group discussed the type of programs and or events that would require any additional policy/procedure or template development, Kristi suggested the group strongly consider holding a film festival in Rio Rancho now that we have our own theater. Paula said that it would be good to target Sandoval County youth as they needed a forum for this type of artistic work and expression. Kristi recommended working with the high schools. Krysia informed the group that CNM has a facility for their Film Department that just opened off of Alameda, and those students could also feed the festival. Jay said he would provide contact information for the Theater to Kristi if she wanted to approach them. Dyane noted that this could tie into the 2011 (existing) priority project of "youth program." Jaymes said that the festival could have more than one category, but definitely include one – as "youth." Krysia said she would get the contact information for CNM's new film studio.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Jaymes Dudding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paula Scott seconded. There were no comments from the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012

Jaymes Dudding, Vice -Chairperson

ATTEST:

Dyane Sonier, Resource Development Manager