

INGLEWOOD CALIFORNIA

ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in Community Room A located on the first floor of City Hall. Commissioner Althea Metcalf called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Althea Metcalf, District 1
Commissioner Renee Fox, District 2
Commissioner Phyllis Battle, District 3
Commissioner Vicki Perryman-Banks, District 4
Sabrina Barnes, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
Helen Lessick, Public Art Consultant
Stephanie Maldonado, Senior Management Assistant

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

There was a correction on the January 6, 2019 minutes, removing the statement; there will not be a meeting in December 2018. The minutes were then moved by Commissioner Banks, seconded by Commissioner Battle and approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Fox, Metcalf, Banks and Battle

Nays: None

Staff Report

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report recommending the Arts Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members approve the Public Art Plan submitted by Kruger Development Art Consultant Betsy Lane, for the Tru Hilton Hotel to be located at 11111 South Prairie, Inglewood. Helen Lessick explained to the Commission that the item was an action item for \$36,300. Betsy Lane provided the Commission with photos depicting the artist's style/sample work stating there will be a sculpture placed at the location. Commissioner Fox asked if the sculpture will be placed on Prairie. Ms. Lane replied yes, in the front of the location. There is a lighting consultant hired to design the lighting for the artwork. Commissioner Battle stated that the Commission has previously been concerned with the upkeep of outside public art pieces. Ms. Lane explained that the sculpture will be within ten feet of the front desk of the hotel and visible to the public from various angles. It should not require an abundance of upkeep but will be maintained at the same high standard as the facility. Commissioner Fox asked if the picture depicts the actual sculpture or is it a picture of a sculpture to be made in its liking. Ms. Lane stated that the photo is a picture of the actual sculpture. The Commission noted that the next steps would be to move this report to Planning Commission and then recommend to the Mayor and Council Members approve.



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Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to recommend the Arts Commission recommend the Mayor and Council Members approve the Public Art Plan submitted by Kruger Development Art Consultant Betsy Lane, for the Tru Hilton Hotel to be located at 11111 South Prairie, Inglewood. Commissioner Fox seconded. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Metcalf, Fox, Battle and Banks
Nays: None

Sabrina Barnes presented a staff report recommending the Arts Commission recommend re-fabrication and installation of the interpretive plaques, designed and produced by Williams Graphics for Helen Lundeberg's History of Transportation public artwork at Grevillea Art Park. This is an art maintenance opportunity to revive deteriorating plaques. There are eight plaques made of laser cut aluminum. The plaques have been vandalized and also have normal wear and tear. It's proposed that the plaques be recreated on stainless steel plates (which are harder to scratch). They will look cleaner and protect the art better. The cost is \$3,055. This includes replacement and installation; this does not include regular maintenance fees. Commissioner Battle asked will the plaques be sturdier. Are there cameras around to cover the area? Ms. Barnes stated no cameras located at the site but the steel will provide more durability. Commissioner Fox asked if there is lighting that covers the artwork. Ms. Barnes stated yes. Commissioner Fox asked if there is a track record of stainless steel being used for Public Art. Helen Lessick stated yes and stainless steel is more durable. Commissioner Banks stated that neither vandalizing nor wear and tear will halt in the near future, so it's the Commission's job to update/maintain the art periodically to sustain it. Commissioner Fox inquired how often is the piece "updated". The piece had been refurbished in 2009 and is cleaned annually. Commissioner Fox inquired if Grevillea Park was a sculpture park. Ms. Barnes stated that the park was created for future art opportunities as well as to house the History of Transportation Mural. Commissioner Banks made a motion to recommend the Arts Commission recommend re-fabrication and installation of the interpretive plaques, designed and produced by Williams Graphics for Helen Lundeberg's History of Transportation public artwork at Grevillea Art Park. Commissioner Battle seconded and the motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Metcalf, Fox, Battle and Banks
Nays: None

Verbal Reports

- IGAPP 2019 is open for submissions. The Deadline is March 22, 2019. The jurors will have two (2) weeks to review sound based applications, to listen independently, and to be prepared to meet on April 11th. The panel will meet, considering all applications and choose three semifinalists to create a musical sketch. Commissioner Battle asked if the Commissioners received an email stating that IGAPP 2019 was open for submissions. An email was sent to all Arts Commissioners via Helen Lessick. Commissioner Battle stated that she will observe the panel for IGAPP 2019 Composition.
- Public Art Education Project Update: We are in the process of redesigning the website - inglewoodpublicart.org. The focus is on the four categories of public art: permanent art, temporary based, community based, and portable artworks. It is also to include art communities, such as, Inglewood Open Studios and art education as well. Helen Lessick provided examples of art from all categories. The website will debut in May or June. The website will be reviewed by Helen Lessick and Sabrina Barnes before being released.

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Halline Overby, employee (from the City of Inglewood's Social Media Team), stated the Team wants to start local programming by highlighting local artists and businesses. The Team would like to start with eight (8) businesses and/or artist and is seeking suggestions from the Arts Commission. Commissioner Battle requested contact information. Mr. Overby can be reached via email at hoverby@cityofinglewood.org or via cell phone at 415-699-9270. Emails should include courtesy copy (cc) to Thomas Bunn, Supervisor at tbunn@cityofinglewood.org. Commissioner Fox asked should the Commissioners send business suggestions as well. Artist information will go to him, however business information will be forwarded to his co-worker Kendell Sellers.

Commissioners' Comments

There will be an Earth Day Celebration at Inglewood City Hall on the South Lawn, on Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Announcements/Calendar

The next Arts Commission meeting will be held at the City of Inglewood in Community Room A on April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.