

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
February 15, 2023
Palm Springs City Hall
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was conducted by teleconference and in-person.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palm Springs Public Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Pritchard on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Shawnda Faveau, Matthew Lesniak, Barret Newkirk, Vice-chair Armstrong, Chair Pritchard.

City Staff: Jay Virata

C. PRESENTATIONS:

1. DesertX Installation Site Presentation

Mara Gladstone of Desert X provided a presentation on the planned exhibition by Lauren Bon and Metabolic Studio called Metabolism which incorporates art, science, and technology, to be devices of wonder and to suggest solutions for environmental issues. DesertX will take place March 4 – May 7, 2023. This item was heard after Item G (Remarks from the Vice-Chair).

D. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LESNIAK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, CARRIED 5-0 TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments

F. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

Budget Update / Report tabled until March meeting.

G. REMARKS FROM THE VICE CHAIR:

Request of fellow commissioner to document and collect event and project information and be aware of relevant ordinances applicable to use of Public Arts Fund.

H. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

1. Consider request from Desert Peak Energy and Wintec Energy, LTD, for reimbursement of Public Art Funds in the amount of \$375,000 for a public art project located at 62950 20th Avenue, Palm Springs.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRITCHARD, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE DENIAL OF THE REQUEST FROM DESERT PEAK ENERGY AND WINTEC ENERGY, LTD, FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC ART FUNDS INT EH AMOUNT OF \$375,000 FOR A PUBLIC ART PROJECT LOCATED AT 62950 20TH AVENUE, PALM SPRINGS.

2. Discuss and approve a budget of \$6,642 to support DesertX with permit fees (\$1,642) and the art installation (\$5,000) in a vacant hotel located at 2249 North Palm Canyon at Racquet Club.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE A BUDGET OF \$6,642 TO SUPPORT DESERTX WITH PERMIT FEES AND THE ART INSTALLATION IN A VACANT HOTEL LOCATED AT 2249 NORTH PALM CANYON AT RACQUET CLUB.

3. Discuss and approve a budget of \$25,000 to support "Illuminate Palm Springs" a Palm Springs life event curated by Lance Fung for Fall 2023.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRITCHARD, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPORVE A BUDGET OF \$25,000 TO SUPPORT "ILLUMINATE PALM SPRINGS" A PALM SPRINGS LIFE EVENT CURATED BY LANCE FUNG FOR FALL 2023.

4. Discuss and approve re-installation of Lawn Chair art piece at the mid-block of Museum Way between PS Art Museum and Marilyn Monroe Statue for \$2,900 without a concrete pad, or for \$13,500 on an 8' x 16' x 18" high concrete pad.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRITCHARD, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, CARRIED 3-2 TO RE-INSTALLATION OF LAWN CHAIR ART PIECE AT THE MID-BLOCK OF MUSEUM WAY BETWEEN PS ART MUSEUM AND MARILYN MONROE FOR A COST OF \$2,900 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

5. Discuss and approve a budget of \$8,500 to move "Intersecting Cubes" from Tamarisk and North Palm Canyon to the west side of South Palm Canyon between Baristo Road and Ramon Road.

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL MARCH.

6. Discuss and approve the "gift" of art piece "Pinwheel " by artist Larry Lubow from Ann Sheffer, valued at \$20,000 with installation site to be determined after approval.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRITCHARD, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE GIFT OF ART PIECE "PINWHEEL" BY ARTIST LARRY LUBOW FROM ANN SHEFFER, VALUED AT \$20,000 WITH INSTALLATION SITE TO BE DETERMINED AFTER APPROVAL.

7. Discuss and approve a budget of \$1,000 for art materials and outreach supplies for the OnePS Picnic on March 25th, 2023.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE A BUDGET OF \$1,000 FOR PRINTING, OUTREACH SUPPLIES, AND AWNING FOR THE ONEPS PICNICK ON MARCH 25, 2023.

I. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. General commissioner reports or comments.

Vice-chair Armstrong provided updates on liaison activities with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Airport Commission, and Human Rights Commission, noting Banned Booty was installed in the Airport. Vice-chair reiterated commissioners be present and document Public Art related events.

Commissioner Newkirk reported he met with another neighborhood organization for a potential grant.

Commissioner Faveau reported on the next level of electric box art that is taking place. She also reported Richard Wyatt is ill but working with other artists on options to continue the James O Jesse mural project and will work with staff and City Attorney on whether a modification to the agreement will be necessary.

Commissioner Lesniak reported that the price of Crawler was estimated to be \$65,000 in October 2022 when first presented, but the price had increased to \$126,000.

J. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR/STAFF:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission will adjourn to a March 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of Palm Springs City Hall located at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

MOTION BY CHAIR PRITCHARD, SECOND BY VICE-CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 5-0 TO ADJOURN AT 6:45 PM TO A REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 15, 2023, AT 5:30 PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 3200 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jay Virata

Jay Virata, Director
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