

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
May 3, 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 special meeting of the Palm Springs Public Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Pritchard on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Russell Pritchard, Vice Chair Gary Armstrong, Barrett Newkirk
Not present: Shawnda Faveau

City Staff: Jay Virata

C. PRESENTATIONS: None.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Chair Pritchard would like to make an amendment to Item #H3: discuss and approve a budget of \$3,000 for the artwork "Pinwheel," \$2,500 for the installation and \$500 for the signage.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR ARMSTRONG TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, CARRIED 3-0 TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED AGENDA

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

F. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

Chair Pritchard stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to discuss Item #H4, the "Pillars" project, and the application process. A few items were added to get them into the pipeline for approval by the Commission.

G. REMARKS FROM THE VICE CHAIR:

Vice Chair Armstrong stated that the written plan for downtown is a response to questions from City Council members who are supportive, but would like more information about the concepts, context, and framing behind strategies.

H. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

1. Discuss and approve a budget of \$9,775 for installation of a concrete pad and plaque for the temporary installation of the artwork Lawn Chair on Block G of the Downtown Development for up to two years (Chair Pritchard)

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 3-0 TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR THE INSTALLATION AND PLAQUE.

2. Discuss and approve placement of the artwork “Popsicles” by John Cerny on Block G of the Downtown Development and an allocation of \$500 for the artwork plaque. (Chair Pritchard)

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY COMMISSIONER BARRETT, SECONDED BY CHAIR PRITCHARD, CARRIED 3-0 TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF THE ARTWORK AND THE BUDGET FOR THE PLAQUE.

3. Discuss and approve location for the artwork “Pinwheel” by artist Larry Lubow on Block G of the Downtown Project (acceptance of donation pending City Council approval) and a budget of \$3,000.00 for the artwork: \$2,500.00 for the installation and \$500 for the signage. (Vice Chair Armstrong)

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY COMMISSIONER BARRETT, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 3-0 TO APPROVE THE LOCATION AND BUDGET FOR THE ARTWORK “PINWHEEL.”

4. Discussion of “Pillars” project application, requirements, guidelines, scheduling and call for artists. (Vice Chair Armstrong). A timeline has been drafted, with a goal of completion and installation by World Art Day on April 15, 2023.

I. PROJECT UPDATES:

Vice Chair Armstrong attended a Las Palmas event for a sculpture obtained with a neighborhood community grant and discussed possible future artwork with local beautification committee members, noting that not everything is initiated from the Public Arts Commission; although some public funding may be available, there are strict guidelines for use of Public Arts funds.

J. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR/STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned to a meeting on May 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of Palm Springs City Hall located at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIR PRITCHARD AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR ARMSTRONG, CARRIED 3-0 TO ADJOURN at 6:11 PM TO A REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 17, 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

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