

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A Virtual, Special Meeting of the City of Redondo Beach Public Art Commission was called to order by Chair Lapin at 7:01 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Cagle, Klein, Lapin, Richardson, Pucci, Sharma

Commissioners Absent: None

Officials Present: Laurie Koike, Interim Community Services Director

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Lapin led in the Salute to the Flag.

**D. APPROVE OF ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Cagle, to approve the Order of Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

**E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

**E.1. Blue Folder Items - None**

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**F.1 Approve Affidavit of Posting of the Public Art Commission Special Meeting of April 28, 2021**

**F.2 Approve Minutes of the Public Art Commission Regular Meeting of January 27, 2021**

**F.3 Public Art Fund Report**

Interim Community Services Director Koike presented details of the Public Art Fund and announced there were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Pucci, seconded by Commissioner Sharma, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

**G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None**

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

**H.1 Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items**

Interim Community Services Director Koike announced one eComment was received from Council Member Zein Obagi, Jr. requesting the Commission recommend to City Council adopting an Art Mural ordinance and consider providing a space for artists to show their artwork, such as on Artesia Boulevard.

Chair Lapin and Members of the Commission thanked Council Member Obagi for his comments and noted the Commission will follow up on his request.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Pucci, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, to receive and file Council Member Obagi's comments. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

**I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None**

**J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**J.1 Public Art Commission Subcommittee Reports**

Commissioner Pucci reported she was unable to speak with Hermosa Beach Council Members regarding costs for murals but was able to research other cities and estimated costs for a 9'x80' mural at \$20,000. Additionally, she submitted a sample poster to be distributed as a Call for Artists for the Utility Box Art program.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Sharma, to receive and file the poster/flyer submitted by Commissioner Pucci to be distributed as the next Call for Artists for the City's Utility Box Art program. Motion carried, by roll call vote, with Commissioner Richardson, opposed.

**J.2 Allocation of Funds for Professional Services**

Interim Community Services Director Koike presented the staff report and spoke about the possibility of setting aside \$2,000 from the John Parsons Art Fund for miscellaneous graphic design and artist fees to be used for public relations materials, social media publications, etcetera and streamline processes.

Commissioner Richardson felt the Commission should focus on discussing expectations relative to the Utility Box Art program.

Chair Lapin explained the proposed uses for the \$2,000, noting it is not specific to the Utility

Box program.

Commissioner Richardson stated he opposes spending money on something that is not worthwhile; questioned needing a graphic design for a Call for Artists, noting that typically, they are mere listings.

Discussion followed regarding bringing attention to the Call for Artists, proposed distribution of flyers/posters and refilling the fund, as needed.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Pucci, to direct staff to set aside \$2,000 from the John Parsons Art Fund for miscellaneous graphic design and artist fees to be used for public relations materials, social media, publications, etcetera. Motion carried, by roll call vote, with Commissioner Richardson abstaining.

### **J.3 Public Art for Rindge Sanitary Sewer Pump Station**

Interim Community Services Director Koike presented the staff report.

Discussion followed location of the pump station, surrounding uses, the rationale for considering the location for a mural, the need to use funds for specific projects, the need to provide general specifications for the artwork, allowing for artists' interpretations of the space, considering the budget, the theme, the length of response time and the reach of the RFP.

It was noted the budget must include installation in addition to artist fees.

Discussion continued regarding using prior RFPs as examples, defining the space as the full wall, corner, and side wall in the back of the structure, facing the park, versus all four walls, directly painting on the wall versus installing panels or wraparounds and the need to stay within budget.

Commissioner Richardson stated he is not convinced the subject structure would be a good location for public art and felt specifying a theme might limit creativity.

Commissioner Pucci noted the mural will be visible and appreciated by the community and children and families who use the field.

A poll of the Commission indicated preference for a mural, painted directly onto the brick, on the block wall facing the park and the adjacent side wall and that the RFP specify that the structure is located next to an elementary school and a park and therefore, should be family-friendly, but not specify a theme.

Discussion followed regarding having staff present examples of other RFPs to use as a point of reference, specifying a response time and considering distribution of the Call for Artists/RFP at the next Public Arts Commission meeting.

Interim Community Services Director Koike reported 5% of the budget amount will be



allocated for maintenance of the artwork which will be performed by the City since it will be located on City property.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Pucci, seconded by Commissioner Sharma, to continue this item to the Public Arts Commission meeting of May 26, 2021. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

#### **J.4 Selection of Five Locations for Phase V of the Utility Box Public Art Program**

Interim Community Services Director Koike announced one eComment was received from Council Member Zein Obagi, Jr. in support of the designs by Ms. Robinson and Eric Michael, and requesting the Commission concentrate on the area between Inglewood Avenue and Aviation Boulevard and specifically, outside of Dave's Old Bookshop where there are three utility boxes as well as along the Artesia corridor.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Interim Community Services Director Koike reported the Commission's most recent recommendations for the Utility Box Art Program were approved by City Council; addressed next steps; noted the need to select the next five locations (one in each district); presented boxes needing special consideration and shared proposed concepts by Eric Michael for the large box at 190th and Prospect, as a companion piece.

Chair Lapin explained the process for choosing the artwork.

Motion by Commissioner Pucci, seconded by Commissioner Cagle, to accept Artist Eric Michael's Number 2 submission for the large utility box located on 190th and Prospect. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Regarding the utility box located at the northeast corner of Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes Avenue, Chair Lapin provided a brief background, noting it was offered, as a sponsorship by the Friends of Redondo Beach Arts; recused herself from this item noting a potential conflict of interest, as she is an Emeritus Member Board Member of the Friends of Redondo Beach Art and left the meeting.

The Commission considered artwork concepts for the utility box located at the northeast corner of Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes Avenue.

Commissioner Richardson felt that not all utility boxes need to be covered with art.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Sharma, to accept the artwork proposed by the Friends of Redondo Beach Art, for the utility box located at the northeast corner of Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes Avenue. Motion carried, by roll call vote, with Commissioner Richardson, opposed and Chair Lapin, recused.

Chair Lapin returned to the meeting.

Commissioners listed their choices of locations for implementation of Phase V of the Utility Box Public Art Program in Districts 2, 4 and 5.

Motion by Commissioner Pucci, seconded by Commissioner Cagle, to select Prospect and Diamond as the location for District 2. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Cagle, to select Artesia and Mackay as the location for District 4. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Chair Lapin reported the Commission will select the artwork for the three approved locations for Districts 2, 4 and 5, at the Commission's May 26, 2021 meeting and instructed Commissioners to send their selections to Interim Community Services Director Koike prior to the meeting to include in the presentation and facilitate the selection process.

Interim Community Services Director Koike requested that Commissioners email their selections to her by May 14, 2021 and offered to send a reminder.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Pucci, to select Inglewood and Manhattan Beach Blvd as the location for District 5. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

## **J.5 Director's Report**

Interim Community Services Director Koike discussed existing vacancies in the Commission; reported the deadline for submitting applications is June 11, 2021 and appointments will be made August 17, 2021 and will send the Commission an administrative report with a link to the application; spoke about a presentation to be given at the next Commission meeting regarding artwork for the Legado project; announced the opening of the Library; spoke about the opening of the Planning Department and Engineering lobby noting the public will be seen by-appointment only; addressed a new marquee at the Performing Art Center; noted staff is working on the agreement for revised pricing of the Transit Center art and announced a walk-in vaccination clinic for Redondo Beach residents on April 29, 2021, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the main gym at Redondo Beach High School.

Motion by Commissioner Pucci, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to receive and file the Director's Report. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

## **K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Commissioner Sharma reported garden area near the sculpture at the North Branch Library is overgrown and needs to be maintained.

Interim Community Services Director Koike provided an update of the search for a Community

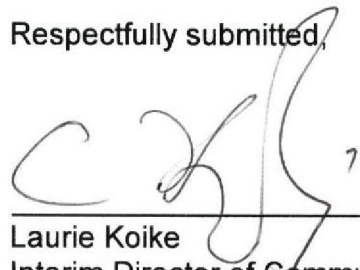
Services Director, reported an announcement will be made, soon and noted she will be at the next Commission meeting.

Chair Lapin commended Ms. Koike for the great job done and Members of the Commission thanked her for her hard work.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Pucci motioned, seconded by Commissioner Cagle, to adjourn at 9:32 p.m., to a Regular Public Art Commission meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Laurie Koike  
Interim Director of Community Services