



# HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

### *Minutes*

CITY OF DUBLIN

July 14, 2016

The July 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission was called to order at 7:08 PM at the Dublin Civic Center, Dublin, California, by Chair Blackburn.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners (Cm.) Present: Blackburn, Deets, He, Iharosi, Minniear, Szollos  
Commissioners Absent: Tutino

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**3.1 Public Comments** – None.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting**

On a motion by Cm. Deets, seconded by Cm. Minniear, and by a vote of 6-0-0 with Cm. Tutino absent, the Commission took the following action:

#### *ACTION:*

Approved minutes of the June 9, 2016 Regular Meeting with one amendment to Item 7.1.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7.1 Wallis Ranch Public Art Proposal**

Ms. Tegan McLane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, presented the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report. She stated that Ms. Roxanne Recinos-Serna, Plan Check Engineer, and the artist, Mr. Eric Powell, were present and available for questions.

Chair Blackburn asked if the letter from the Interim Risk Management Officer (Attachment 2 of the Staff Report) recommended placing a permanent barrier around the art to discourage the public from climbing on the sculptures. Ms. Recinos-Serna stated the Building Code does not require that a barrier be placed around the art. Ms. McLane clarified that the letter was not recommending a barrier, but rather was stating this as an option to consider. She noted the Risk Manager also suggested warning signs as a possible option and indicated that would be preferable, from a public art standpoint, because it would not impede the view of the artwork.

Cm. Deets asked if the horseshoe sculpture could be inverted to discourage skateboarders from trying to ride on it. Mr. Powell stated he considered that; however, to remain true to the integrity and historical significance of the artifact from which it was designed, he would prefer to leave the horseshoe sculpture as proposed.

Chair Blackburn asked about placing bumpers on the horseshoe sculpture to deter skateboarders, and Mr. Powell stated that bumpers would be placed on the sculpture.

Vice Chair Szollos stated that the concerns about children climbing on the sculptures are valid; however, it is ultimately the parent's responsibility to tell their children not to climb on the art. She stated she likes the art, as well as the accessibility of the art to the public, as proposed.

Chair Blackburn opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Kane Wong, Dublin resident, commented in favor of the art, but expressed concern about children tying a rope through the eye of the hook sculpture.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Blackburn closed Public Comment.

Cm. Deets suggested placing mesh or plexiglass in the eye of hook to close the opening.

Chair Blackburn commented that the art does not appear to pose any greater risk than existing art pieces in the City.

Cm. Iharosi stated she spoke with acquaintances regarding their opinion of the safety risks that might be associated with the art and received favorable feedback that community members agreed it is the responsibility of parents to keep children from climbing on the art.

***On a motion by Cm. Minniear, second by Vice Chair Szollos, and by a vote of 4-2-0 with Cms. Deets and He opposed, and with Cm. Tutino absent, The Commission voted to reconsider the vote of June 9, 2016 and voted in favor of recommending City Council approval of the art as proposed.***

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Brief Information Only Reports from Heritage & Cultural Arts Commissioners and/or Staff**

Cm. Iharosi reported that she visited the Heritage Park and Museums and saw many people playing the new Pokémon Go game. She expressed her concern about potential damage to the cemetery area while people are playing the game.

Cm. Szollos reported on her recent visit to an aquatics center outside of Dublin.

Cm. Deets commended Ms. McLane on her work on the Cultural Arts Survey.

Ms. McLane provided program and event updates.

### **9.2 Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

Ms. McLane provided an overview of upcoming agenda items for the Commission.

Cm. Minniear stated he would like Staff to come up with a draft policy to deal with issues like the Pokémon Go phenomena and other inappropriate uses of City facilities. With Cm. Tutino absent, the Commissioners voted in favor of agendaing this item for a future meeting.

Chair Blackburn stated she would like to hear about Staff’s work plan for the new Fiscal Year. With Cm. Tutino absent, the Commissioners voted in favor of agendizing this item for a future meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Franklin, Management Analyst.

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Kathy Blackburn  
Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Tegan McLane  
Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager