



HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

CITY OF DUBLIN

June 8, 2017

The June 8, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission was called to order at 7:06 PM at the Dublin Civic Center, Dublin, California, by Chair Szollos.

Commissioners (Cm.) Present: Bennett, Lau, Vonheeder-Leopold, Szollos
Commissioners Absent: Peesapati, Rawal, Blackburn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Szollos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Public Comments

Mr. Steve Minniar, former Heritage and Cultural Arts Commissioner and President of the Dublin Historic Preservation Association (DHPA), commended the City on the opening of the Camp Parks Military Museum and encouraged the Commissioners to consider advocating for preservation of the historic Camp Parks sign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold, seconded by Cm. Lau, and by a vote of 4-3-0 with Cm. Peesapati, Cm. Blackburn and Cm. Rawal absent, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Kaiser Permanente Public Art Proposal

Ms. Tegan McLane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, provided background and presented specifics of the project.

Artist Rob Ley and members of Kaiser's design team showed a slide presentation, including renderings of the building with the artwork.

Cm. Szollos expressed concern about how long it will take to assemble the individual pieces onsite. The artist, Mr. Rob Ley, explained that the individual pieces would be affixed to larger panels, and this work will be done offsite. Installation of the larger panels is a fairly quick process.

Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold asked how the artwork would be attached to the building. Mr. Ley replied that the panels will be attached to a metal framework that is embedded into the concrete.

Commissioners expressed concerns and/or asked for clarification about the following items:

- 1 – Appearance of the artwork from the inside the building
- 2 – Safety of the artwork, as it will be composed of thousands of pieces of aluminum
- 3 – Variability of the image, as seen from different vantage points
- 4 – Visibility of the artwork from the roadway

The Kaiser team replied that the people inside the building will see some color from the artwork, and the design will allow diffused lighting through the windows. Kaiser’s structural engineers have reviewed the design and individual aluminum pieces will have redundant bolts to ensure that if a bolt fails, the aluminum piece will not fall. People at some distance from the artwork will see it as a single image, like a painting. Those up close will be able to discern depth, and will see it more as a sculpture. There is no one “best” vantage point. The artist believes viewers will discover their own preferred vantage points. Drivers passing the facility will be able to see the artwork. However street trees and parking lot trees will partially obscure the image, especially in their mature growth, but the artist believes this yet another variation on the view, glimpsed between trees. Street and parking lot trees are required by the City.

Chair Szollos opened the floor for Public comment.

Mr. Steve Minniear spoke in favor of the design. He shares the concern regarding visibility to passersby traveling on Dublin Boulevard.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Szollos closed Public Comment.

On a motion by Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold, seconded by Cm. Bennett, and by a vote of 4-0-3, the Commission voted to recommend that City Council approve the proposed public art for Kaiser Permanente’s Specialty Medical Offices and Cancer Center under construction at 3200 Dublin Boulevard.

OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Brief Information-Only Reports

Brief INFORMATIONAL-ONLY reports from Commissioners and/or Staff, including Reports by Commission related to Meetings Attended at City Expense (AB 1234).

Cm. Szollos and Cm. Lau visited The Wave aquatic center and shared their experiences and observations.

Cm. Bennett attended the Dublin Unified School District’s 150th anniversary event at Heritage Park and Museums. He watched a documentary filmed by Dublin High students, which was very professional and very impressive.

Ms. McLane provided program and event updates. Ms. McLane encouraged everyone to visit the Dublin Camp Parks History Center. She also mentioned that the new plaza and amphitheater at the Emerald Glen Park are now available for public use; the Farmers’ Market has moved to the new plaza, and the City will host summer concerts there. She updated the Commission that the City Council had approved eight utility boxes at the June 6, 2017 City Council meeting, two more than the originally budgeted number. City Council also approved inspirational quotes for the public artwork at Fallon Park; and selected additional quotes in response to public concerns about the lack of diversity among the athletes.

9.2 Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Ms. McLane provided an overview of upcoming agenda items for the Commission. The July agenda is expected to include the Spring Quarterly Report and a Master Plan update.

Cm. Bennett asked about the progress on the applications for the City Historian/Poet Laureate. Ms. McLane replied that she has not released the applications yet.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Minutes prepared by Yashin Griffith, Recording Secretary.

Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Tegan McLane
Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager