



ASC PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

Public Art Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 — 12:00-1:30 PM

ASC Board Room

MINUTES

Present: Dawn Blobaum, Chair; Sabrina Brown, David Furman, José Gámez, Pam Lawton, Arthur Oudmayer, Brad Thomas, Susan Tompkins,

Absent: Diane Siskey,

Staff: Robert Bush, Jean Greer, Brenda Eckmair, Judy Clifford, Bryan Downey

Guests: Jami Farris, Attorney, Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein; Katie McCoy, City of Charlotte Budget Office; Mark Hahn, Director, Mecklenburg County Real Estate Services; Joe Frey, Project Manager, City of Charlotte Engineering & Property Management; Bob Dulin, Project Manager, Mecklenburg County Real Estate Services; Capt. Michael Greer, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office

Chair Dawn Blobaum called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

The corrected minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2007 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by José Gámez, seconded by Brad Thomas, and unanimously approved.

Brenda Eckmair gave Commissioners updated site information about the Youthful Offender project and introduced artist Jackie Chang. Chang presented her Design Schematic Proposal, with imagery based on the concept of the passage of time, intended to inspire residents to reflect on their past, present and hope for the future. She is proposing a graphic silhouette of a stylized tree fired onto colorful 3'x4' and 4'x4' tempered opaque stained glass panels. Three panels are designed to span a 10-foot width, in each of eight day rooms of the addition to the Jail North. Although the plans call for clerestory windows flanking each proposed location for the glass panels, Mark Hahn suggested taking readings on light levels to ensure there is adequate illumination for optimum viewing of the artwork. The artist made notes on comments and indicated the suggested revisions will be made in the next design renderings. David Furman made a motion to approve the Design Schematic Proposal by artist Jackie Chang for the Youthful Offender project, with image modifications, for a commission of \$71,400. Sabrina Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Next, Commissioners reviewed visuals of the completed artwork by artist and landscape architect, Cliff Garten, for the South Corridor Improvement Project at Sharon Road West (SCIP I) for a commission of \$132,600. Project Manager, Joe Frey, City of Charlotte Engineering and Property Management, gave site information, history of the project, and positive feedback from

riders of the light rail. He said the artwork is already iconic, has enhanced the character of the area and created excitement. He reported that the artist was terrific to work with and the City design team will implement the approved planting plan when drought conditions improve. José Gámez made a motion to approve Final Acceptance and Contract Payments for the SCIP I project by artist Cliff Garten in the amount of \$16,600. Pam Lawton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Brenda Eckmair reported on the status of the Public Art project commissioned as part of the redevelopment of Freedom Mall for \$140,000. Artist Topher Delaney has agreed to allow ASC to terminate her contract at the Schematic Design stage, with no additional payment, and to allow ASC to contract for the implementation of her creative concept with local resources to create construction documents, install, and complete the project. The project will carry Ms. Delaney's name as initial creator of the design, but she will have no further obligations. Attorney Jami Farris assured Commissioners that the contract adequately provides for termination. Ms. Farris agreed to work with staff to draw up the necessary documents. On behalf of Mecklenburg County, Mark Hahn stated his support for the strategy of hiring a local landscape architect to take up the design and move the project forward. Accessible routes through the project site are needed by February, he added. José Gámez made a motion to approve the termination of the contract with Topher Delaney for the Freedom Mall redevelopment project, at the Schematic Design stage, and proceed to implementation of the project by a local professional for the amount remaining in the commission (\$119,000). Pam Lawton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioners reviewed the Public Art Project List of FY08 projects, and staff gave updates on the status of each one. Shuffletown Sportsplex project is awaiting Park & Recreation response to artist Pete Beeman's design proposal in order to move forward. Helmick & Schecter's artwork for the Mecklenburg County Courthouse is currently under repair. Robert Bush gave Commissioners an update on the Davidson Public Art Task Force, which has placed an artist in residence to identify possible sites and projects. The Task Force will make a recommendation for a Public Art Program, in February, to the Davidson Town Commission. PAC Chair, Dawn Blobaum, Assistant Town Manager of Davidson, added that the group is exploring options for a permanent source of program funds.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Clifford
Public Art Specialist

Approved,

Dawn Blobaum
Chair