

754 - 1701

To the attention of Julee Conway

Minutes Corvallis Public Art Selection Committee
November 15, 2000
4 - 5 PM City Hall

In attendance: Cy Stadsvoid, Susan Johnson, Ed Barlow-Pietrich, Doug Russell, Candy Pierson-Charlton and Hester Coucke. Megha Shyam was unable to attend.
Absent: Kay Reeves, Scott McCannell.

The past minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Doug was educated on the need to visit Peter Helzer's piece. Scale is the most important issue. Hester will make an appointment on Nov 20 for Cy and Doug to go, or Dec. 4 for Cy and Doug or Susan.

Final Call for Proposal for the City Plaza octagonal was handed out. Jury process will take place on our next meeting February 16, 2001, 1-5 PM (depending on how long it will take us) at City Hall in the regular downstairs meeting room.

Hester will contact City planner Steve Lindsey and/or Steve Rogers from Public Works. They will be, according to policy, advisors without voting privileges.

Cy informed other commissioners on color choices for the kiosk, passing around colored drawings.

Julee Conway from Park & Rec. supplied a spreadsheet with a line item "Arts Center Mural Maintenance". (There is also a line item "Sculpture Maintenance Fund"). It was suggested to name it "Public Art Maintenance Fund" for clarity sake. It has presently \$200 in it and a \$7000 will be added in conjunction with the Riverfront Art. There was discussion on what kind of maintenance or repair it would cover, and if the City has an insurance concerning art. Ed stated that small amounts, but exceeding the fund, would come out of Council Reserves.

There is no assessment procedure for need for maintenance in place. This may be a task for this group? The CAC has a list prepared of all public art, its year of installation and if applicable its donor that could be used for such an assessment.

Commissioners discussed the Clint Brown piece, and the proposed site in Starker Park at great length. They concluded that the suggested location in Starker Park, although fitting in scale, was too isolated and prone to vandalism.

Doug informed commissioners on refurbishing options, and possible people who could do the refurbishing. Clint Brown approved giving it a circular rotation buff finish. A rough estimate would be between \$300 - \$500.

Commissioners advise Park & Recreation to carefully remove the piece from the park, store it for the duration of the construction of the park. Once the park is finished, this piece could make a good connection between the old and the new. It should be refurbished at that time. Ed Barlow-Pietrich is willing to take up the issue with DRC, and could suggest a good location in the Riverfront Park.

Ed is looking for a way to recognize Jim Howland's efforts for the Riverfront Park and for the Corvallis community in general. Commissioners supported his suggesting of working with quotes that Jim Howland collected of the years in his "Yellow Book". It would have to be a modest "monument", to satisfy Jim Howland's sensibilities and the reluctance of the DRC to make the Riverfront Park in to a monument-park. It should be a privately funded item. Ed will bring this idea, with the support of the PASC, to the City Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Next meeting will be at City Hall, Friday, February 16, 1-5 PM: jury process for the City Hall Plaza octagonal.