

CORONADO DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

October 26, 2011

The regular meeting of the Coronado Design Review Commission was called to order at 3:02 p.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at the Coronado City Hall Council Chambers, 1825 Strand Way, Coronado, California, by Chairperson Shallan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hammett, Jones, Rice, Shallan, Turpit

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Fait, Associate Planner
Bill Cecil, Capital Projects Manager
Martha L Alvarez, Recording Secretary/Minutes Preparer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of September 28, 2011, were approved as submitted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commission's Holiday Schedule

Mr. Fait asked the Commission if it will be cancelling the meetings of November 23 and December 28 as they are scheduled to be held close to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Commission agreed to cancel the meetings.

City Council Meeting

Mr. Fait reported that at the City Council meeting of October 18, the Council approved the formation of a new Cultural Arts Commission. He noted that Council will be appointing seven members to the Commission and encouraged the public to apply. He commented that the Public Art Subcommittee may either become nonexistent or become a subcommittee to the Cultural Arts Commission.

Historic Resource Commission

Commissioner Jones reported that at the meeting of October 19, the Commission recommended approval of a Historic Alteration Permit at 541 Ocean Boulevard, and approved a Historic Alteration Permit at 550 B Avenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

Heidi Wilson, Public Art Subcommittee member, clarified that the Cultural Arts Commission will cover five areas: 1) Visual Arts; 2) Visual Media Arts, 3) Arts and Education, 4) Performing Arts, 5) Public Art and Art Advocacy. She said that the component of the Cultural Arts Commission would be reviewed by the Design Review Commission and that the Public Art Subcommittee would fold into the new Cultural Arts Commission.

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

DR 2011-18 CITY OF CORONADO. – Review of recommendation from the Public Art Subcommittee for the installation of the Public Art sculpture “Sea Level” by Kim Ogburn for the Boat House/Club Room site.

Mr. Fait introduced the staff report as outlined in the agenda.

Heidi Wilson, Public Art Subcommittee member, answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Turpit asked if the Commission is being asked to approve the base of the sculpture.

Mr. Fait said that the photograph of the base is illustrative of what it may look like; however, it still needs to be refined both in location and size.

Mr. Bill Cecil, Capital Projects Manager, said the illustration shows only an approximate size.

Ms. Wilson said the Public Art Subcommittee selected the two public art pieces with the constraints that there was no funding available for these pieces. In this case, the “Sea Level” sculpture is available as an option for purchase as it appears that the project will be under budget and the piece could be included at no additional cost to the original budgeted project price. She said both sculptures are loan possibilities as a means of having more art in Coronado.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jackie Wennen said the “Sea Level” is a fabulous piece and asked about the material use for the fish pieces.

Mr. Fait said the fish are made of fiberglass.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

None.

COMMISSION ACTION

CHAIRPERSON SHALLAN MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURCHASE (IF THE BUDGET PERMITS) AND PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF THE PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE "SEA LEVEL" BY KIM OGBURN FOR THE BOAT HOUSE/CLUB ROOM SITE.

COMMISSIONER HAMMETT SECONDED THE MOTION.

Vice Chair Hammett said it is important that the sculpture be set up in such a way that does not pose any safety issues for the public.

Commissioner Jones said the sculpture is appropriate for the site.

Commissioner Turpit said the sculpture has a very organic shape and the base does not compliment that art piece. He asked whether the artist was consulted about the base.

Mr. Fait said the top of the kelp is more of an oval shape.

Mr. Ogburn said that the base could be an oval shape to match the canopy; however, it would be less geometric. He added that the copper material used at the bottom of the art piece has been reinforced so that it cannot be pulled out, and the seat can be adjusted so that it is closer to the art piece.

Linda Rahn, Recreation Director, said this is a wonderful and whimsical piece and relates to the ocean aquatics, which is what the Boat House is all about. She said she did not want a square base because of a safety issue for children, and requested seating to accommodate persons who are waiting for transportation. She said she prefers a functional base that ties in with the building.

Commissioner Jones said she likes the option of a round or oval base.

Chairperson Shallan agreed.

Commissioner Rice said the art piece is great and will be a good addition to the building. He preferred to leave the base shape to the discretion of the architect and appropriate City staff provided that it does not pose any safety issues.

Mr. Fait said the artist should also be involved in the decision regarding the base.

AYES: Hammett, Jones, Rice, Shallan, Turpit.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Fait said the item will be heard at the City Council meeting of November 1, 2011.

DR 2011-18 CITY OF CORONADO. – Review of recommendation from the Public Art Subcommittee for the Public Art sculpture “Handstand” by Daniel Stern to be temporarily displayed at the front of the Community Center.

Mr. Fait introduced the staff report as outlined in the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at this time.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Vice Chair Hammett said one of the topics of discussion by the Public Art Subcommittee was the location of the art piece. He said the proposed location is ideal and displays the art piece well.

Chairperson Shalan said he felt the art piece is very nice; however, he does not feel the proposed location is pedestrian friendly as it is not at eye level.

Mr. Fait displayed the other location options for the art piece; however, the consensus by the Public Art Subcommittee was that the proposed location was the best option.

Commissioner Jones said the proposed location is appropriate for the art piece.

Commissioner Turpit asked Ms. Rahn’s opinion about the art piece and its location.

Ms. Rahn said she loves the sculpture as it is a fun and wonderful piece. She said that other location options were considered; however, she feels this is the best location.

COMMISSION ACTION

COMMISSIONER JONES MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLIC ART SCULPTURE “HANDSTAND” BY DANIEL STERN TO BE TEMPORARILY DISPLAYED AT THE FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

COMMISSIONER RICE SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: Hammett, Jones, Rice, Shalan, Turpit.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Fait said the item will be heard at the City Council meeting of November 1, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Rachel A. Hurst
Director of Community Development, Redevelopment
& Housing Services