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TO: Public Art Committee

FROM: Dianne Morris, Planning Director

DATE: 10-14-10

RE: Meeting notes from Committee meeting

Attendance: Committee members Pete Chasar, Sandy Bonney, Hedda Markham; Staff Dianne Morris, Cody Erhart; Councilor Piepers.

The Public Art Committee met on Oct. 12th at noon to discuss possible landscaping/ art display opportunities on a vacant parcel located at the corner of Hillside and Chetco Ave. The City has secured a written agreement with the property owner to temporarily allow a “pocket park”.

A mission statement was agreed to: “To create an attractive, user friendly public space on the privately owned Hillside/ Chetco Ave. lot.”

Discussion points:

- Will the City consider altering the agreement to state a specific period of time during which the park will remain on the property? D. Morris will check with the City Manager.
- Public Works crew has verified there is a water meter serving the property.
- Permanent features wouldn't be appropriate due to the parks “temporarily” status.
- Radiating lines would accentuate the triangular shape of the property.
- “Gabions” could be used for seating or as a secure base for displaying sculptures etc.
- This could be a gathering spot for the community.
- Envision more usable surface/ hardscape features rather than just a garden-type setting.
- Seating will be important. May use one or more of the three benches now located in the sidewalk area in front of the property. The City also has additional unused benches that may be incorporated.
- Committee will research “pocket parks” in preparation for the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18, 2010 at noon in Council Chambers