

Public Art Committee -- Revised Minutes 12/09/10

Present: Committee members Sandy Bonney, Pete Chasar, Hedda Markham, Destiny Schwartz;
Staff member Dianne Morris.

Minutes from 12/02/10 were reviewed and approved.

Discussion Items:

1- C. Erhart was not available to report on access to electric power at site.

2 - On Mission Statement, committee members asked that it reflect the site's role as a "pedestrian-friendly enhancement to downtown Brookings." With that in mind, the committee can consider the following two draft statements:

a. Convert the vacant, highly-visible Hillside/Chetco lot into an art-oriented, pedestrian-friendly space that enhances downtown, using recycled materials wherever possible.

b. Using recycled materials, create an art-oriented, pedestrian-friendly space on the vacant Hillside-Chetco lot so important to the appeal of downtown Brookings.

3 - In the discussion of Program and Use Requirements list, the committee deleted Restrooms and added Low-impact Storm Drainage and Information Board.

4 - Three new design approaches were presented by staff and committee members:

a. D. Morris offered a plan view indicating a paved rear section backed by vertical poles, split-pole benches along the stacked stone wall, benches, gabions throughout as art or plant holders, and paths of recycled concrete.

b. D. Schwartz showed a plan with three free-standing plant murals, broken concrete walkways interspersed with plantings, a tree, massed plants in the rear area, and inward-facing benches.

c. P. Chasar presented a contemporary gazebo design with a 20-foot diameter as a focal point, ground covers along the stacked stone wall, a tree where sidewalk and Jones building meet, and a row of vertical poles at rear.

Committee members felt that interior benches and a trash can are important to the site's functionality as a public open space. Chair is to share new designs with C. Erhart prior to next meeting.

Next meeting -- Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 at noon in Council Chambers.

-- Pete Chasar