

Public Art Committee -- Minutes 1/6/11

Present: Committee members Pete Chasar, Hedda Markham, Destiny Schwartz; Staff members Dianne Morris and Cody Erhart.

Minutes from 12/09/10 were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Discussion Items:

1- Erhart reported that electrical power is not available at site, though a water stub-out is.

2 - Design discussion began with submission of a new mission statement by Erhart:

Transform the vacant lot at Chetco and Hillside into a public space for passive recreation, art and social gathering, using recycled materials and primarily hardscape elements.

This statement was generally approved by committee. In addition, Erhart presented two new names for park. *Hillside Oasis* was preferred by committee.

There was a general discussion with a review of Brooklyn Bridge Park's use of rubble material, a discussion of bench positions, and various ideas for pole use. Then Schwartz presented a color version of her design for Hillside Oasis. Basic elements are:

- alternating rubble and planted strips that align with existing sidewalk bands;
- three self-supporting mural panels along Jones building;
- inward-facing benches and trees near driveway cut;
- skewed-pole sculpture and raised platform at rear of lot.

The basic plan was accepted, though there was some concern that the amount of plant materials may have to be scaled back.

Regarding implementation, Erhart suggested that we will need to stage the project due to current lack of rubble concrete. The area currently used for ad-hoc parking was suggested as first stage.

Next steps: Erhart to determine materials needed based on size of lot. Chasar and Schwartz to provide more specific foliage art suggestions for three large mural panels.

Next meeting -- Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011 at noon in Council Chambers.

-- Pete Chasar