

Public Art Committee -- Minutes 2/17/11

Present: committee members Sandy Bonney, Pete Chasar, Hedda Markham, Timm Rolek, Destiny Schwartz, staff members Dianne Morris and Cody Erhart.

Minutes from three previous meetings were not reviewed, as too few members were present at those meetings to constitute a voting quorum.

Discussion Items:

1 - A draft materials list Feb. 2 meeting was read; it included:

- stone dust;
- salvage concrete pavers;
- used utility poles;
- steel mesh and rock for free-standing gabions;
- trees (3);
- plants for ground cover and possibly gabion planters;
- mural materials -- posts, MDO sheet, and framing lumber for three 8' X 16' mural boards.

Possible additions to this list were crushed glass and shredded tires.

2 - C. Erhart reported that Public Works suggested two possible drain locations to be determined after a laser level is used to determine the site's low point.

3 - D. Morris indicated that the undeveloped parts of the property (both tax lots) south of the stacked stone wall can be used for this project since there is a single owner.

4 - P. Chasar presented a composite of group's five mural designs for review. Committee opted to postpone decision on mural selection.

5 - Prioritization of site work and features was not discussed, though slab break-up, excavation, drain installation, grading, and installation of stone dust base were suggested first-phase tasks at earlier meetings.

6 - C. Erhart presented three design variations, based on a two-level landscape plan. Committee favored the the simpler more open plan with round gabions and the use of vertical poles as a retaining material. T. Rolek suggested extending the pole wall to cover existing retaining wall remnant. Treatment of upper level yet to be determined -- pad for sculpture, tree, rubble rip-rap?

T. Rolek questioned whether stage events are appropriate for site as it does not have power and is relatively small.

Next steps: Members to consider other possible mural designs.

Next meeting -- Date is tentatively Thursday, March, 3, 2011 at noon at City Hall, as some members have difficulty with current day/time.

-- Pete Chasar