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PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS February 19, 2020

Chairperson DeCampi called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance included:

Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward I
Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II
Councilmember Dan Hurt, Ward III
Chairperson Tom DeCampi, Ward IV

Also in attendance were:

Superintendent of Arts and Entertainment, Jason Baucom
Executive Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Arts, Ann-Marie Stagoski
Chair of Parks, Recreation & Arts Advisory Committee, Mike Whelan
Councilmember Michael Moore
Councilmember Michelle Ohley

Agenda Item #1: Approval of Minutes

The meeting results of the November 18, 2019 Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Chair DeCampi made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McGuinness to approve the meeting results. There being no discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote of 4 to 0.

Agenda Item #2: Creative Arts Alliance Art Recommendation

Superintendent Baucom explained the Creative Arts Alliance Art on Loan program and presented the Parks Advisory Committee's recommendations for the upcoming draft.

This will be our 3rd year participating in the program. The City will lose "Saturday's Distraction" in May. The Works by Jessie Cargas will remain one more year. There was discussion on the price increasing and Superintendent Baucom explained that the Alliance recommended this increase to attract more artists to the pool. They are now getting higher quality pieces in the draft. He went on to explain the draft process and that the works were on loan but prices were listed if there was interest in purchasing them.

There was further discussion on the appeal of individual pieces as well as safety aspects. Parks Advisory Committee Chairperson Whelan stated that locations for the artwork had been explored however, until a piece was secured, there was no location determined. The Committee would recommend fitting the piece to the setting it was placed in and there were options for non-pedestrian areas if the safety of climbing on an individual piece of artwork was an issue. Councilmember Mastorakos thanked and commended the Parks Advisory Committee for all their work.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to accept the recommendations of the Parks Advisory Committee in the order presented by the committee. There was no second.

Councilmember Mastorakos moved to accept the art in the order chosen by the committee with the exception of #3 and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt.

Councilmember McGuinness moved to amend the motion to include deleting #16 as well and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hurt. There was discussion on whether #16 could be customized and Superintendent Baucom stated that the piece could be painted as we chose.

The vote on the amendment passed by a voice vote of 4-0 and the original motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0.

Agenda Item #3: Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

Agenda Item #4: New Business

Councilmember McGuinness discussed the need to add benches to property around The Awakening now that the City owns that property. The committee directed Parks staff to look into exploring options of adding new benches or moving current ones.

Agenda Item #5: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson DeCampi adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.