



HERITAGE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting
Meeting of Tuesday, September 28th, 2021
9:01 a.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Laurie Rios called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Debbie Baker, Francis Carbajal, Sally Gaitan,
Gabriel Jimenez, A.J. Hayes, William K. Rounds,
Laurie Rios, Maria Salazar

Absent:

N/A

City Council Liaison:

Annette Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff:

Ed Ramirez, Family and Human Services Division Manager/ Executive
Secretary

Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works

Immanuel Caldona, Administrative Assistant II

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Francis Carbajal to approve the minutes of August 31st, 2021. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Annette Rodriguez informed the committee that the city will hold a red ribbon program. There will not be a parade this year. Instead, the city will be doing videos, contests, and prizes. The council members will be doing video messaging for social media.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez also informed the committee that there is Covid-19 testing at Little Lake Park on Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez updated the members that the city is creating a system that allows residents to pay their water bills online.

The Woman's Club will have a Christmas boutique at 9:00 a.m. and a luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on November 5th located at Town Center Hall. She encouraged the members of HAAC to come and support the Woman's Club.

Lastly, LA CADA hosted a youth art contest that consisted of cash prizes. Ms. Rodriguez's company donated \$700 to this art contest. The participants are high-risk, but talented artists. Mayor Pro Tem would like their artwork included at the 2022 SFS Art Fest.

6. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Noe Negrete, Director of Public Works, reviewed and distributed the current Capital Improvement Project list to the committee members. The list consists of eight projects currently being constructed, fourteen projects that are being designed or out to bid, and six completed projects. He informed the committee that the Public Works Department usually has 8-10 completed projects a year.

Mr. Negrete informed the committee that the city is in the assessment phase. This phase obtains a wish list of future projects from all city departments. Once the list has been obtained, a CIP meeting is held to review and determine which project to complete. Mr. Negrete informed the committee that the city has \$3 million set aside for CIP projects every year. Due to the cost of all the projects, Mr. Negrete is looking to see if there are any other revenue sources to fund some of these projects. Mr. Negrete reported that Gus Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Division Manager, provided other funding sources that the city has not looked at before.

The Public Works Department will be going to the council for their approval to go to bid for the painting of the Heritage Park Train Exhibit engine and caboose at the October 5, City Council meeting.

Mr. Negrete informed the committee that there were design problems with the boxcar. The boxcar was intended to be a refrigerator that had double walls to keep products cold; however, since the boxcar is currently not intended to be a refrigerator, the Public Works Department is in the process of determining how to redesign the boxcar. Mr. Negrete does not want to rebuild the boxcar as a refrigerator because it would cost the city \$300,000 – \$500,000. He wants a design that would make the boxcar look similar from the outside, but not impact the structural integrity of the boxcar.

The Snake Fountain had several different designs created for the Public Works Department, but no designs were approved by Noe Negrete. Once a design is approved, Mr. Negrete will report back to the HAAC committee for input. For example, the designer sent designs for the art piece to become a fountain, but the CIP committee agreed to make it a planter.

Noe Negrete informed the committee that the Omni Bronze plaque cannot be installed due to the grading requirement for ADA accessibility. In addition, he is reluctant to put any new bronze plaques because they will get stolen. He encouraged the members to find an alternative that will decrease the chance for plaques to be stolen.

Mr. Negrete announced that the Public Works Department will put up new Christmas decorations this year.

The HAAC committee members had some questions for Mr. Negrete and he clarified all of them.

Lastly, Mr. Negrete informed the committee that he could attend the HAAC meeting every six months to update them on any Public Works related projects.

7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

NONE

8. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Executive Secretary, Edmund Ramirez reported on the following:

a) Financial Report

August 2021 – Mr. Ramirez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 financial report for the period of August 2021. Copies were distributed to members for their review. Balance: \$1.68 million.

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by Sally Gaitan to approve the FY 2020/2021 financial report for the period ending on August 2021 with revisions. The motion was carried unanimously.

b) Heritage Art Advisory Committee Memberships

Mr. Ramirez reported that the Heritage Arts Advisory Committee Chairman, Laurie Rios forwarded a membership application for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art to Executive Secretary Ramirez. She indicated that some time ago, memberships were provided to all Advisory Members so that they could visit various exhibits of displays and artists.

Executive Secretary Ramirez discussed options on how the HAAC members can visit museums, exhibits or conferences. This can be conducted through the annual HAAC luncheon. At the moment, there are no opportunities for individual art memberships, but membership opportunities for the whole HAAC Committee is available.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a) **Silver lake Conservation art piece assessment update**

Edmund Ramirez informed the committee that the Silverlake Conservation has requested an additional 2 -3 weeks to complete their written report. In addition, due to the current construction of the City Hall parking lot, the "World in My Hands" art piece will not be included in the assessment report due to being inaccessible. The art piece will be assessed in the month of November when construction is near completion and a separate report of this art piece will be provided at that time.

A motion was made by Francis Carbajal and seconded by William K. Rounds to approve the request by Silverlake Conservation to have an additional 2 -3 weeks to complete their written report. The motion was carried unanimously.

b) **Timken Company Foundation Grant Opportunity Sub Committee**

Mr. Ramirez updated the committee on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, the subcommittee met to discuss potential projects appropriate for the application process. Members Carbajal, Baker and Executive Secretary Ramirez discussed and identified three (3) projects and one (1) improvement; Member Rounds could not attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Debbie Baker and seconded by William K. Rounds to approve the Timken Company Foundation grant application for the Wicker Parlor located at the sculpture Garden.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. **2022 Art Fest Update**

Executive Secretary Ramirez provided an update to the HAAC members regarding the planning of the May 6, 2022 Art Fest. The update included the Art Consultant agreement, featured artists, entertainment, food, and other components of the event. Sandra Hahn, who had received \$10,000 at the signing of the agreement, will use those funds to offset costs for next year's event. Mr. Ramirez reported that Sandra Hahn, art consultant, will try to make it to the HAAC October meeting to give her report.

Francis Carbajal and AJ Hayes raised a concern in regards to the affordability of the food from food trucks. Mr. Ramirez addressed those concerns and will make every effort to look for food trucks that are affordable.

Lastly, Mr. Ramirez is finalizing the headliner for the event. For possible entertainers, Mr. Hayes will provide a contact for Trinere to Mr. Ramirez.

11. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

- *Upcoming Community Service Events – Edmund Ramirez, Executive Secretary reported on the following:*

- 1) Haunted House – At the September 7, 2021 council meeting, the city council directed the Department of Community Services to cancel the 2021 Haunted House event and proceed with the planning of the outdoor Halloween Carnival and Costume Parade.
- 2) Dia De Los Muertos @ Heritage Park
 - October 16th @ 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Galaxy and Glide Update
- Rexford Industrial Project
- Silverlake Conservation condition assessment report

13. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NONE

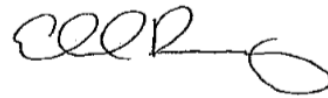
14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Laurie Rios adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 26th, 2021, at 9 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.



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Approved by: Ed Ramirez,
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