

CITY OF PORTERVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

May 20, 2015

2:00 p.m.

**City Hall - Coleman Conference Room
291 N. Main Street, Porterville, California**

and

395 W. Broome Street, Stansbury Park, UT

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order and Roll Call**
- 2. Oral/Written Communications**
- 3. Arts Commission Minutes of April 29, 2015**

OLD BUSINESS

- 4. Mural at Comision Honorifica Mexicana Americana (CHMA) Building
Re: Community outreach results and discuss
recommendation to CC – (June 2, 2015)**
- 5. Future Arts Commission event – Continued Discussion
Re: members will bring written ideas of possible art events.**
- 6. Chamber of Commerce Mixer
Re: Scheduled for March 2016, location TBD**
- 7. Art Exhibit at City Hall – Continued Discussion
Re: Featuring different artists**

NEW BUSINESS - None

- 8. Next Meeting Schedule – June 24, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.**
- 9. Other Matters**
- 10. Adjourn**

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Arts Commission Meeting
April 29, 2015
Minutes

Members present: Deana Worthington, Mel Gosage, and Joan Givan

Absent: Judy Holloway

Vacant: Three (3) seats

Staff Present: Lupe Diaz, Christina Tank and Jenni Byers

Members of the Public: Roberto De La Rosa and Mehmet McMillian

Item No. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Deana Worthington at 5:31 p.m. Roll call was taken by Lupe Diaz.

Item No. 2 – ORAL/WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Lupe Diaz received one written oral communication from Denise Marchant regarding the potential mural to be placed on the Comisión Honorífica Mexicana American Building (CHMA) building that is being presented by Wild Places in Item No. 8. This document is read aloud by Deana Worthington.

Item No. 3 – ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES OF March 25, 2015

COMMISSION ACTION

MOVED by Mel Gosage and SECONDED by Joan Givan to accept the minutes for February 25, 2015 as written.

AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1
No Discussion.

Item No. 4 – DEDICATION OF SUBWAY MURAL

Deana Worthington asked about an invitation to this dedication ceremony for the mural that is scheduled for May 1, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. with refreshments being offered during the Art Walk at 5 p.m. Lupe Diaz stated that Joan Givan had attended the last City Council meeting to make a brief presentation to the Council members and provided fliers for the event. Lupe Diaz gave the Commissioners extra fliers. She also informed them she took the liberty of ordering a plaque for the event because there was limited time between this meeting with the Arts Commission and the dedication event. Mel Gosage expressed his displeasure at the final version of this mural, that it

does not match how colorful the event was when it happened and as he was a part of the event in 1981. Lupe Diaz explained that this version is what City Council had approved as it was decided to have the balloons be a “red, white and blue” theme and also explained that this all was decided before Mel Gosage was on the Arts Commission, though she understands his feelings.

Lupe Diaz requested that Item No. 8 be moved up and it was agreed.

Item No. 8 – PRESENTATION BY WILDPLACES

Roberto De La Rosa and Mehmet McMillian gave a presentation on a potential new mural to go on the Comisión Honorífica Mexicana Americana (CHMA) Building, giving brief histories on the Center and on Wild Places. They explained how the mural came about and how the children of Burton Unified School District and Vine Street School, through Porterville Unified School District, are involved in every step. They handed out a rendering of the mural as it would appear on the building and also add that there will be 3D effects that the children also would create. They also stated that there are about 40 students involved in the mural and will continue to be involved in the actual creation on the building. Mel Gosage questioned the vibrancy of the colors and asked about specifics in the rendering. He is given explanations. Joan Givan asked if this mural was on the front of the building and it was explained that yes, it was. Deana Worthington asked when they wanted to get started and Roberto De La Rosa replied that they would like to get started as soon as possible. He explained that they have permission from CHMA to go ahead with the project and permission from John Lollis to prep and primer the building but that the actual mural would need City Council approval. Mel Gosage asked if the community surrounding the CHMA building has been approached about their feelings on this mural and he was answered that no, not officially though they are open to having a public outreach where the community can see the kids in action at the building. Joan Givan asked about the ages of the children involved and it was replied that they are about 14-17 years old. The presentation is completed and Roberto De La Rosa and Mehmet McMillian thank the Arts Commission for their time and give out their contact information.

Discussion about the potential mural is had after the presenters leave. Joan Givan is in favor of it. Mel Gosage would like the neighbors to be presented with this and see a rendering of the mural. Lupe Diaz informed them that this mural is a part of a grant and therefore must be completed by July 1, 2015 so time is of the essence. Mel Gosage made the suggestion that they accept the potential mural with the condition that the community surrounding it be involved in the decision and be invited to a public meeting and he also thinks the colors are too vibrant and want the colors toned down to more match nature’s colors. Lupe Diaz brought back the oral communication from Denise Marchant so that it can be discussed. She also informed the Commissioners that the CHMA building is a leased building and they have about four years left on their lease and she was unsure if the lease on the building was to be renewed and when CHMA is referred to, it’s the organization leasing the building, not the building itself. Joan Givan and Deana Worthington are in favor of the colors so Mel Gosage withdraws his recommendation on the colors be toned down. Jenni Byers let the Commissioners know that staff could provide CHMA with mailing labels that for a 300 ft radius so an open house can be hosted but that the actual mailing will be done by CHMA. Lupe Diaz also informed the Commissioners that because of the time sensitiveness of this, the next Arts Commission meeting would need to happen sooner than the scheduled date. Mel Gosage let everyone know that he will not be in

town during the month of May but he is informed that he could do a call-in on the meeting and it would be counted as attendance, but he must provide his location to be noticed on the Agenda. Mel Gosage questioned the correctness of his phone number on the contact list and he is informed that the contact list was updated. Christina Tank left the meeting to print the new contact list and handed this new list out to the Commissioners. The next meeting date is decided to be on May 20, 2015 at 2 p.m. The Commissioners decide to accept proposed mural with CHMA having an community outreach and getting the community approval and support prior to May 19, 2015 and that this potential mural go before City Council on June 2, 2105. They will discuss it further at the next meeting.

Item No. 5 – MEMBER RECRUITMENT DISCUSSION

Roberto De La Rosa indicated that he will be submitting an application for one of the vacant seats on the Arts commission. Jenni Byers also informed him that there is a Youth Commissioner seat vacant and he replied that he had a few candidates.

Mel Gosage presented the modified Arts Commission logo that he modified based on the suggestions from the last meeting. He also presented the Commissioners with a tri-fold brochure for the Arts Commission. He stated that he had left one blank spot that he suggested adding the current mural from subway and they can be modified with current murals. He also suggested to have it proof-read as he finished right before the meeting.

COMMISSION ACTION

MOVED by Joan Givan and SECONDED Deana Worthington by to accept the tri-fold brochure with as-needed modifications and proofing.

AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1
No Discussion.

Item No. 6 – FUTURE ARTS COMMISSION EVENT

Deana Worthington requested this item be tabled and brought back at next meeting.

Item No. 7 – ARTS COMMISSION LOGO

COMMISSION ACTION

MOVED by Joan Givan and SECONDED Deana Worthington by to accept the Arts Commission logo as presented.

AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1
No Discussion.

Item No. 9 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER

Lupe Diaz explained that she contacted the Chamber of Commerce and was informed that there were no open dates in 2015. She was given direction to accept any date available in 2016 that she deemed acceptable.

Item No. 10 – ART EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL

Mel Gosage would like to donate a large photo that he took to be displayed at City Hall. Lupe Diaz indicated that this topic was brought up by Judy Holloway last meeting and, since she was not present at this one, she recommended tabling the topic to the next meeting.

Item No. 11 – NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting will be on May 20, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Item No. 12 – OTHER MATTERS

Lupe Diaz informed the Commissioners that there has been an application received for one of the vacant positions and it's at the City Clerk's office. Joan Givan gave support for the applicant.

Lupe Diaz reminded the Commissioners that they are always welcome and are encouraged to attend the City Council meetings and report on any meetings they attend or whatever they wish.

Item No. 13 - ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.