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MINUTES

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
Park Ridge Fire Station #35
901 W. Devon Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Natalie Bontumasi, Thomas Chisari, Judy Brady, L.D. Buschmann, Kim Garber, Barbara Christopher, Richard DuSold and Alice Boghosian

Also Present: Staff members Juliana Maller and John Piltaver

Presenters: Jack Owens and Julie Zamudio

Resident Len Johnson

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the November 1, 2011 Public Art Commission meeting with no revisions. Barbara moved and Kim seconded the motion.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Review of Proposals for design of the 911 Memorial

The Committee reviewed proposals from seven designers. Each one was discussed and reviewed on criteria including approach to design process, experience, previous projects and fee structure. The Committee selected Chipman Design Architecture, Gast Monuments, The Lakota Group, and Myefski Architects for further consideration.

B. The Designers will be asked to make a presentation to the Committee on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm. The Committee asked that the following guidance be given to the designers: That the design be simple, minimalist, and not literal. The designers should show how they envision the entire corner of the site and explain the thought process for the design.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. The Commission discussed a Gateway Feature/Sign at Cumberland and Higgins. Attorney Jack Owens and Julie Zumudio, who were both representing the property owner 7-11 made a presentation to the Committee on how the new building, canopy and pumps will be located on the site. The plans call for a gateway feature at the corner of Cumberland and Higgins. The brick wall is 3.5 – 4' tall. The wall defines the access points into the site, so these should be maintained. Ms. Zumudio said that the brick had been approved by the Appearance Commission and any changes to the color or contrast would be ok with them as long as it was ok with the Appearance Commission. They are also ok with the Public Art Commission making changes to the type of sign and landscaping at the corner, as long as it did not cost a lot

more and that it be confined to the area allowed for in the plans. Ms. Zumudio told the Commissioners that there is time to work on this, as final design is not needed for several months.

Using the sign specifications for the Uptown sign at six corners as a starting point, the Commission discussed what could go into the area provided. The Commissioners would like to see an alternative font for the sign and a different material used for the actual sign. Flower planters on the brick wall should not be included.

The Commission asked that staff send the sign ordinance requirements and the parameters of the site on the opposite corner by Dominic's grocery store. They would like to see if the gateway feature could be continued on that side of the street as well. Based on this information, the Commissioners will sketch some options for a future meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- A. Deputy City Maller reported on the two community workshops held to review the design of Phase 3 Uptown streetscape. The same streetscape design and materials will be used in this portion of town as used in the new development and around the library. She reported that there is the potential for several locations to have public art featured once complete.

VI. CITIZENS PRESENT WISHING TO BE HEARD ON A NON-AGENDA ITEM

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 8:47pm, setting a date of Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the next meeting.

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