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CREATIVE PLACEMAKING STRATEGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES *DRAFT*

MAY 20, 2024

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

LOCATION: GOVERNMENT CENTER, UPPER FLOOR

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBER

5400 BULLION STREET, MARIPOSA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Seeing a quorum, the regular meeting of the Creative Placemaking Strategy Advisory Committee (CPSAC) was called to order by Chair Burns at 12:02 P.M.

Present: Ava Burns, Cara Goger, Xav Dubois, Erica Wolfesen, Gail Dreifus, Abby Miller, June McCrory (arrived @12:08)

Excused: Jeanetta Phillips, Kim Brisack, Jackie Baxton

Staff: Ben Goger, Will Fassett

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Meeting of February 26, 2024

By a unanimous vote, CPSAC approved a motion by Cara Goger and a second by Erica Wolfesen to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024, as presented

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

4. Update on the *Working Lands, Working Artists Project*

- a. Midpines Unveiling Event - update from Burns: Metal panels created by Abby Miller and Anna Friedland have been installed. Sculptural work by Lx Lewis is in process. This event will occur on the morning of June 15th, in collaboration with the Planning Department and the Upper Merced Watershed Council. It will involve river clean-up and possibly a participatory art project facilitated by Miller as time allows, depending on the breadth of the clean-up.
- b. Coulterville Unveiling Event – update from Wolfsen: The fence mural “Pastureland” is finished as well as the piece on the stage and has been varnished. Community members offered positive feedback and support throughout the process. Update from Burns: sculpture in process (the large horse bit in Coulterville, created by Jackie Baxton). Event is delayed until August.
 - i. Burns – Coulterville event will tie in with the music evenings at the Coulter Café, but keeps getting pushed back because summer scheduling is challenging.

5. Update on the *Mariposa Gateway Elements Project*

Update provided by Ben Goger - The Gateway Elements project is being co-managed by Mariposa Planning Dep’t. It has been a complicated installation that involves underground infrastructure, including conduit under the highway to run electrical lines. Recently received a report from fabricators in Utah that the sculptural feathers are ready to ship .

Some components were eliminated due to budget constraints, including flatwork pedestrian improvements. These components may be revisited through another funding source. Caltrans funds Active Transportation Projects (ATP) and the next cycle is due in June. If funding is received, it will enhance walkability.

Landscaping components were also reduced due to budget constraints. There will be some initial plantings of redbuds, irrigation

and rocks from Atlas Lab and then some “do-it-yourself” landscaping process as we go into the future.

Cara Goger acknowledged the role of the Planning Dep’t for their work on this project.

Ben Goger pointed out that Public Works has been an integral part of creative problem solving and structural knowledge as well.

Burns is thankful to Public Works for their assistance with the Working Lands, Working Artists project.

Cara Goger posed the question: Would it be possible for Public Works to be on this [CPSAC] committee? Cara expressed that she would love to have their input on stuff “from the get go.”

Ben Goger is willing to ask the Director of Public Works if there is a staff member that would like to be on the committee. If not, then the Planning Dep’t is willing to continue communication.

Cara Goger offered an alternative suggestion: It would be helpful if there was a dedicated Public Works staff person to invite when their input is needed on specific agenda items.

6. Future Agenda Items

Ben Goger summarized a list of future agenda items which emerged from brief discussion following this meeting’s agenda. These include the following:

- Public Works representative on CPSAC
- Frost Shop Lot - space activation
- Guide book for public for locations and information related to viewing public art throughout Mariposa County
- National Endowment for the Arts: update to Gold Rush Design Review guidelines with input from Staff, Polina Pivak and Hannah Harrison
- 360 video interpretation for public art

- Open discussion on public art to cover both Wolfsen's concept of a guide book for county public art, and Dubois' 360 interpretation of the existing mural(s), along with a potential for a mural project on the side of Subway building

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Burns adjourned the CPSAC meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Abby Miller, Secretary of the Creative Placemaking Strategic Advisory Committee (CPSAC)