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FINAL MINUTES OF THE CREATIVE PLACEMAKING STRATEGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

TIME: 12:00 P.M.
LOCATION: GOVERNMENT CENTER, UPPER FLOOR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBER
5100 BULLION STREET, MARIPOSA

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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 PM.

Present: Ava Burns, Jeanetta Phillips, Erica Wolfson, June McCrory, Cara Goger, Gail Dreifus

Excused: Kim Brisack, Xav Dubois, Abby Miller, Jackie Baxton

Staff: Polina Pivak, Hannah Harrison

Guests: Jacob Hawley, Clay River, Letha Goger

2. **Approval of Minutes**

a. Meeting of May 20, 2024

By a unanimous vote, the present CPSAC approved a motion by Dreifus and a second by Goger to approve the minutes as presented with an abstention from Phillips.

3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Phillips commented that the tribal display on the Mariposa Creek Parkway still needs maintenance. Harrison stated that the County is seeking funding to maintain the display.

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

Harrison said that she has no update. Burns encouraged the committee to view the completed art pieces in Coulterville and Midpines County Park. There is one more art piece to be finished by Wolfson that is waiting on confirmation from Public Works on whether pumphouse will be removed before Wolfson begins the mural. Burns provided an update on the events that showcased the art pieces and explained that everyone can find information on this project on the Arts Council website.

5. **Update on the *Mariposa Gateway Elements* Project**

Harrison stated that the project is complete except for the landscaping around the feather sculptures and encouraged the committee to view the new Mariposa Gateway Elements. Hawley recommended utilizing Americorps and the local master gardener program. River also recommended contacting the community pollinator program because they just received grant funds.

6. **Presentation of an Upcoming Mariposa County Project: *Historic Preservation in the Present Tense***

Burns and Harrison introduced item in reference to the memorandum attached to the meeting packet for the item with emphasis on collaboration between the Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission and CPSAC, a description of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process, and final capstone project.

Goger asked what kind of consultant will be taking on the project. Harrison and Pivak stated that the individual or group will need to be qualified in historic preservation in addition to community planning.

McCrory asked how tribal representation will be included on the project. Pivak and Harrison affirmed that this will be part of the project. Pivak clarified that the Historic Design Review Guidelines only apply to the review of architecture in the Mariposa and Coulterville Historic Design Review Districts and a historical narrative or context statement should be a separate document that includes the entire history of the area. River stated that tribal history is very important to the region and should be considered as part of the Guidelines development process. Pivak affirmed.

Goger asked about how the review process for art will manifest. Harrison stated that this will be discussed and decided by the collaborative ad-hoc committee. Pivak stated that code changes will likely be required for the new public art review process.

Burns encouraged the committee to review the Creative Placemaking Strategy and hopes that the project provides inspiration to the community.

Hawley emphasized the collaborative goal of this project.

Dreifus recommended that a local youth artist be involved in the decision-making and/or capstone for this project. Goger reminded the group that the Creative Placemaking Strategy and California encourages that creative development and arts education be included in future projects.

River stated that the National Fund for Historic Preservation has free technical assistance for related projects.

7. Future Agenda Items

CPSAC directed staff to include the following items on the next agenda:

- Discussion and potential direction to create ad-hoc committee to establish database and/or map for art projects
- Arts Council Artist in residency program planning for the Mariposa Creek Parkway

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Burns adjourned the CPSAC meeting at 12:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Polina Pivak, Housing and Community Development Specialist