

MINUTES OF THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON July 9, 1997

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcy Friedman, Sandra Yee, Laurie Bacon, Mike Morris, Linda Merksamer

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Walker, Linda Bloom, Donna Pulverman, Leah Weibe

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Marcy
- II. The minutes were approved with changes. The agenda was approved by Laurie and seconded by Linda M.

III. ACTION ITEM

A. Expansion of approved Kondos project. Marcy was excused because of conflict of interest. Michelle gave background. She invited airport staff to attend this meeting - they declined. She received a faxed Staff Report to approve \$69,000.00 from Art Contingency funds for the expansion of the glass facade. Michelle gave APP committee a copy for their review.

Michelle said Marcy mentioned the expansion proposal to her but was told it would be paid out of Airport contingency funds. No one from airport contacted the Arts Commission or other APP Committee members.

B. COMMENTS -

1. We are 3 months into a 3-year project.
2. It is very bad business to spend the contingency money.
3. Electrical projects might need funds more than the glass.
4. There is concern that this will set a precedent - departments must come through APP regarding art issues.

Sandra said we need that money for contingency. Perception that we are arbitrary is bad - it doesn't look good. She doesn't feel the project is bad - just doesn't feel the money should come from the Arts Budget.

Linda B. said shadows may also be a concern due to the future location of a bridge to the parking structure. Fred Coxe spoke with her before this meeting, thinking she had a copy of the cost proposal, dated June 6th. She recommends no as this is already one of our largest commissions. She agrees about the contingency fund, as we will likely use it for additional art in terminal. Others suggested that we borrow from the garage project. Michelle said we can't borrow from a future project. Airport is proposing two options: plain glass or etching. We are rarely able to use contingency money for additional art. If this budget is not approved clear glass will be used. Michelle and Linda said the Art Advisory committee had already looked at using the glass and decided the money was better spent for other art locations. Linda M. said that the concept is good but should come from airport funds not Art funds. Linda M. moved that we not spend the funds. Sandra called for a vote - it was unanimous.

4 -Ayes 4 - absent 1 - conflict of interest 0 - No

Mike asked what the history is of using contingency funds on later projects. Michelle said things come up and the money is spent i.e. schedule changes.

Glass installation date has been pushed back to July 15th.

C. APP POLICY CHANGES:

The discussion shifted to using APP money for more visible projects.

Michelle suggested we invite Diane Balter to the next meeting to answer questions on changing the ordinance.

IV. UPDATES

A. Catalog - has been deferred until next month

B. Oak Park - Linda gave update on Oak Park supermarket. There are 10 panels for artwork. Oak Park park is not happy with architect's rendering. The developer wants Linda to handle the entire APP project as art consultant. It will be \$35,000.00 commission. We will do a Call for Artists directed to local artists. Linda will organize the selection panel.

C. Freeport Shores - Linda showed maquette of Troy Corliss work. It is a \$9,000.00 commission, constructed of terrazzo. Troy learned his technique from working with Donna Billick. The individual art pieces are 3' X 2', the kids can sit on it. The committee feels it is fun and appropriate for the site.

D. Linda showed pictures of Chico artists work and studios.

E. Wayne Thiebaud - August 9th, reception and lecture.

F. Sandra asked that committee members be sent updated roaster of commissioners and committee members.