

City of St. Helens
Arts & Cultural Commission
Public Hearing: Gateway Sculpture Phase II
Regular Meeting
Minutes from Tuesday September 22, 2015
City Council Chambers

Members Present

Kannikar Petersen
Rosemary Imhof
Kevin Chavez, Chair
Luanne Kreutzer
Susan Patterson

Councilors in Attendance

Susan Conn
Ginny Carlson

Staff Present

Jennifer Johnson, Secretary
Margaret Jeffries, Library Director
Jon Ellis, Finance Director
Jenny Dimsho, Assistant Planner

Members Absent

Diane Dillard, Vice Chair

Guests

Ean Eldred
John Kashiwabara
Bill Blank
Agnes Petersen
Al Petersen



Call Public Hearing to Order

Chair Chavez called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 p.m.

Introduction

Petersen gave an overview of the Gateway Project Phase II. Rhiza A+D was chosen from the RFP submittals to present at the Public Hearing.

Rhiza A+D Presentation

John Kashiwabara and Ean Eldred gave an overview of Rhiza's background. Past work was shown on the overhead screen.

Kashiwabara described the concept of the design. They described the literal concept of how fish need trees and trees need fish. They wanted to incorporate the strong salmon culture in our area to the sculpture. The Salmon tree sculpture evolved from those ideas. The piece tells a story.

Visitor Comments

- Bill Blank asked if there would be plaques with the sculpture to tell the story. Commissioner Petersen mentioned that there is no sidewalk on the east side of the highway. There is a possibility the plaque would be placed on the west side along the

sidewalk.

- Agnes Petersen commented about the original dim lighting on the Gateway Project Phase I. She asked if it would possible to have this sculpture lit from above. Eldred said having a thinner material and brighter color will help with the lighting. Kashiwabara said they will test the sculpture lighting before it is installed. Commissioner Petersen asked if the sculpture would be powder coated. The Sculpture will be painted with a wet paint three part system, an ODOT standard.
- Finance Director Jon Ellis asked about testing of wind loads. Kashiwabara said they have a background in architecture and don't design sculptures that are prone to wind shear. They will also be working with knowledgeable engineers for testing and designing.

With a budget of \$37,000 the artists feel they will be able to fabricate this project within the budget.

The overall opinion of all the visitors was very positive. Everyone loved the story the sculpture represents.

Adjournment

With no further questions or presentation by the artists, the hearing was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Chavez.

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Call meeting to order

Chair Chavez called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Rhiza A+D Presentation Discussion

Chair Chavez likes the idea of a story behind the sculpture. Kreutzer likes how enthusiastic the artists are in working with the Commission. Petersen likes the hands on development of the sculpture. All of the labor is in-house at their shop.

Motion: Commissioner Petersen recommended to City Council approve Rhiza A+D's Design for the Salmon Tree Cycle and approve the first part of the contract for \$2000 for marketing illustrations. Commissioner Imhof seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Visitors

No comments

Approval of the Minutes for August 25, 2015

Motion: Commissioner Kreutzer moved to approve the minutes for August 25, 2015. Commissioner Petersen seconded. All in favor; none opposed; motion carries.

Fiscal Report

The Commission reviewed the fiscal report. Nothing new.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Tina Curry has started promoting the contest. The event has had lots of hits on Facebook. Pumpkins will be displayed in the Council Chambers windows. Commissioner Petersen volunteered to build display shelves.

Bike Racks

Imhof is working with the High School again to produce bike racks similar to those done last year. Top Notch Thrift Shop and IGA Marketplace are possible locations for the next bike racks. Petersen mentioned a reminder that the bike racks are art pieces and should be placed in a visible location.

Banner Project

Nothing new to report at this time.

Grant and Fundraising

Petersen and Assistant Planner Jenny Dimsho met to discuss the National Endowment for the Arts grant. After much research, they came to the conclusion that the grant focuses on a different kind of project than the Gateway Phase II. They will not be applying for that grant for this project.

Kickstarter will be used as a fundraiser as well as for marketing. Dimsho will be helping with the Kickstarter plan. Dimsho talked about the success stories with Kickstarter on other projects in smaller communities. There is a 5% fee for using Kickstarter. Mini sculpture pins is an idea for marketing. A fund goal must be set and met with Kickstarter to receive the funds otherwise it is refunded back to the pledgers. You can run your campaign for up to sixty days. The most popular donation amount is \$25.

Petersen and Chavez volunteered to be part of a subcommittee. An email will also go around at a later time.

The Commission thanked Commissioner Kreutzer for her time spent on the Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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Present=P Absent=A

Date	Kreutzer	Petersen	Dillard	Vac	Imhof	Chavez	Patterson
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