

City of Hutchinson – Public Commission
February 10, 2011
3:00 PM City Center

Members Present: Tom Wirt, Terry Kempfert, Jo Willmert, Audrey Hollatz, Dolf Moon, Dan Jochum, Steve Cook, Lena Mowlem

Guests: Nancy Fasching

Call to Order

1. Additions to agenda.
 - a. None.
2. Approval of Minutes – November 18, December 16, January 10.
 - a. Approved Hollatz/Kempfert

Old Business

1. Fire Department Project Update – Lean Mowlem
 - a. Project is tabled. Fire Department may choose another option.
2. Police Department Project Update – Terry Kempfert/Joey Wilmert
 - a. We will work with their committee to help choose a site, then decide on what they'd like to create.
3. Make decisions on SWIF project and next steps
 - a. SWIF is concerned that they are the right site. Does it fit? Is it too cluttered?
 - b. SWIF also is concerned that the citizens of Hutchinson realize that this is not a project of SWIF and they aren't putting money towards this – it will be on their property and is that okay with the public?
 - i. The flower could tie in – growth to the region, flowers/plants that represent Southwest Minnesota, etc.
 - ii. Additional sites could be created in the region – with different prairie flowers, etc.
 - iii. The horse would represent the settling of the region. There are rivers in most towns. We would like his head slightly turned to look up the river.
 - c. Actually, the city would own the piece and there would be an easement for the city to own the locations – but they are concerned about public perception.
 - d. Pros - It's a very prominent location in the city – it would tie in with our mission of adding public art. It would be a good addition to the trail area – very visible.
 - e. Lena felt strongly that we should make a statement – and not be afraid what people think – and have a piece that makes people go “wow”. Her preference was the Riverhorse. Several other members indicated they like the “Prairie Flower” design.
 - f. We will need to raise an amount of money to do the project. There is seed money from the city, then some funds that were set aside for maintenance and bonding. There is also the possibility of applying for “Legacy” money.
 - g. Approximately \$35,000 available from various city funding options. (\$25,000 seed money, \$15,000 from a bonding fund. \$5000 needs to be reserved for maintenance.) We would see an approx. \$20,000 grant from SMAHC. We would need approximately \$55,000 - \$100,000 for the project. That is a rough estimate until we get a firm price from the artists. So – fundraising could be \$20,000 or it could be more.
 - h. SWIF will allow us to host some public art on their site, but not donate money towards the project. The design needs to tie in to their mission and be representative to the region.

- i. We all agreed that whatever piece we decide on, we stick with it. We suggest the site we want it on. If the site doesn't work, find another site – not change our decision.
- j. The commission agreed to recommend going with the “Riverhorse” concept by a vote of 5 yes, 1 no.

New Business – none at this tim.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Terry Kempfert, secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 10 – 3:30 PM at City Center.

City of Hutchinson – Public Commission
March 14, 2011
3:30 PM City Center

Members Present: Tom Wirt, Terry Kempfert, Joanne Willmert, Audrey Hollatz, Dolf Moon, Dan Jochum, Lena Mowlem, Eric Yost

Guests: Nancy Fasching

Call to Order

1. Additions to agenda.
 - a. None.
2. Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2011.
 - a. Approved Willmert/Hollatz.

Old Business

1. Discussion with Art Videen
 - a. Location
 - i. SWIF is first choice; what is our alternate location?
 - ii. Dolf, Tom and Art took a “field trip” and looked at sites.
 - iii. Cenex site, Odd Fellows, Museum Site, Girl Scout Park, Hutch Utilities, Ridgewater College were all considered.
 - iv. Motion was made to select Girl Scout Park as alternate site – south of the Main Street Bridge. Kempfert/Mowlem. Defeated.
 - v. Motion was made to select Girl Scout Park as the primary location. Willmert/Mowlem. Approved.
 - vi. We felt it would be visible, parking is available, it may bring people into downtown, it is close to the river.
 - b. Design
 - i. Art described his vision and plans for the project.
 - ii. Hutchinson River Horse
 1. Stainless steel and aluminum sculpture
 2. 25’ high by 22’ wide by 5’ deep
 3. River rock base
 - c. Budget for the project
 - i. Materials and supplies - \$10000
 - ii. Metal finishing - \$15000
 - iii. Subcontracted artist labor - \$10000
 - iv. Rent & business expenses & delivery - \$5000
 - v. Artist fee - \$10,000
 - vi. Total Cost - \$50000
 - vii. Solar panel, LEDs will add about \$5000; base or foundation is not included, landscaping not included. Estimate another \$10000 for completion.
 - d. Funding of **Hutchinson PAC Gateway Project** – Legacy Grant is a possibility.
 - e. Money from city is up to \$40000; Legacy Grant has been added by SMAHC (deadline for pre-app approx. April 16). This would be a good fit so we have a good chance to receive about \$20000 if it is approved.
 - f. Next steps
 - i. Art will provide a contract to start the project. Completion within 100 days. He requires 1/3 down at signing, then 1/3 in a construction account, the final 1/3 upon completion.

- ii. Engineering will need to be consulted.
 - iii. Tom will write a grant proposal for Legacy Grant. Condition of grant would be we could not disburse any funds until July 1. Motion made to apply for grant. Mowlem/Kempfert. Approved.
 - iv. Consultation with city attorney.
 - v. Presentation to City Council on April 12.
 - vi. Subcommittee to keep project moving is Lena, Joanne, and Audrey.
2. Police and Fire Department Project Updates
- a. No update at this time.

New Business – none at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 PM. Mowlem/Yost.

Terry Kempfert, secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14 – 3:30 PM at City Center.

City of Hutchinson – Public Commission
July 14, 2011
3:30 PM City Center

Members Present: Tom Wirt, Terry Kempfert, Lena Mowlem, Buzz Burich, Audrey Hollatz
Guests: Dolf Moon, Dan Jochum

Call to Order

1. Only agenda item is to plan a Public Arts Information Town Hall Meeting
 1. Pick date for workshop
 - a. Thursday, August 25th – 7:00 PM in the council chambers
 2. Agenda
 - a. 7:00 PM – Introductions and Purpose of meeting, History and Intention of the Public Arts Commission.
 - b. 7:10 – 7:30 – Forecast for Public Arts presentation
 - c. 7:30 – 8:30 – Original objectives from RFQ – initiate discussion
 - d. 8:30 – 9:00 – Wrap up. Where do we go from here? Invite folks to sign up to be on our mailing list – email or other; they can be as involved as they want to be going forward.
 3. To-do Items
 - a. Powerpoint– Presentation to keep us on track – Terry
 - b. We should have a map available indicating options for public art
 1. City staff will work on map
 - c. Provide handout – objectives and criteria
 4. Invitations:
 - a. People who commented
 - b. People involved in the initial steering committee
 - c. Commission needs to invite people to participate – 20 each
 - d. City Council
 - e. News Media
 5. Other projects we need to work on
 - a. Police Department Memorial – Terry and Joey
 - b. Cemetery – Baby Section
 - c. New Discoveries – Dave Conrad garden memorial
 6. Recruiting new members
 - a. Tom will go off commission in August
 - b. We should each should suggest a name or two and talk to them
 - c. Bring your names by August 11th or e-mail to Tom.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 PM. Kempfert/Hollatz

Terry Kempfert, secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 11 – 3:30 PM at City Center.

City of Hutchinson – Public Commission
October 13, 2011
3:30 PM City Center

Members Present: Terry Kempfert, Lena Mowlem, Audrey Hollatz, Eric Yost, Joshua Schroeder

Members Absent: Joey Willmert, Buzz Burich

Guests: Dolf Moon, Dan Jochum, Steve Cook

Call to Order – Dan Jochum, interim chair

1. Tom Wirt has officially completed his service to the commission. Thank you Tom for your leadership and vision for the past 6 years.
2. Joshua Schroeder – schrjj@gmail.com is our newly commissioned member.
3. Discussed meeting time and date – and if we should revisit what is convenient for our current members. We will put this on the agenda for next meeting.
4. Discussion of Al Feser’s “eagle” presentation from the last meeting
 - a. The commission felt he brought up a good concept and would like to have him consider responding to an RFP when his works fit the criteria of projects that are proposed.
 - b. If we pursue the concept of a sculpture park with rotating pieces, this may be an appropriate venue for his initial piece.
5. Set a date for a four-hour public art visioning & long range planning session
 - a. Ideas – look at other communities and how they display public art
 - b. Look at our community to see what spaces are available
 - c. Incorporate art as bike racks, park benches, picnic area
 - d. We will first meet at City Hall on **5 PM Monday, October 17th** to tour possible locations in Hutchinson.
 - i. View “park finder” on the city’s webpage to see where all of the parks are if we want to visit on our own.
 - ii. On our own - go to the Franconia website in Taylor’s Fall and look at their sculptures online.
 - e. Second meeting, **Monday, October 24th** meet at the City Center at 8 AM.
 - f. We will decide on our workshop date at the next meeting.
 - i. We will do some long-range planning and a timeline for our vision of Riverwalk and other projects.
 - ii. Possibly incorporating this into the long-range plan for the city.
6. Dolf gave an update on the repair and reconditioning of the Hutchinson Brothers statue.
7. Discussion of near-term arts commission meeting agenda planning and leadership.
 - a. Everyone should send their agenda items to Dan Jochum and between him and Dolf, they will take care of the meetings until we choose a chairperson.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 PM. Mowlem/Moon

Terry Kempfert, secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10 – 3:30 PM at City Center.