



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD
DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: J. Brown, M. Carter, J. Gamble (Virtual), P. Horychuk, C. McDoniel, C. Tobin

ABSENT: Ferguson

STAFF: M. Kopaskie-Brown, P. Brenes, S. Watson, A. Beaumon, M. Taylor, F. Andrade

Chair Pro Tem Gamble called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Pro Tem Gamble opened the nominations for Chair.

Board Member Tobin nominated Board Member Gamble for Chair, Seconded by Board Member McDoniel

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Carter, Gamble, Horychuk, McDoniel, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ferguson

ABSTENTION: None

Chair Gamble opened the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Board Member Horychuk Nominated Board Member McDoniel for Vice-Chair, Seconded by Board Member Brown.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Carter, Gamble, Horychuk, McDoniel, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ferguson

ABSTENTION: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the public.



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CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.

MINUTES

The minutes of February 16, 2022, were approved as presented.

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Board excused the February 16, 2022 absence of Board Member Brown due to illness and Board Member Carter due to a personal matter.

Motion by Board Member Brown to approve the Consent Calendar as presented,
Seconded by Board Member McDoniel.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Carter, Gamble, Horychuk, McDoniel, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ferguson

ABSTENTION: None

WORKSHOP

ST. FRANCIS FALLS AT CARLSON PARK AND LORING PARK MASTER PLANS – Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented Pamela Galera, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director.

Ms. Galera introduced Matt Romero and Alisa Sramala with the Parks Department. A brief presentation on the St. Francis Falls at Carlson Park and the Loring Park Master Plan was provided.

Ms. Sramala asked if the Board had any concerns or comments.



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Chair Gamble asked if there was anyone in the public requesting to speak. There were no callers and there was no one present to speak.

Board Member McDoniel asked about the balustrade and light standard to be removed.

Ms. Sramala stated that there is approximately 600' of balustrade along the parking lot. Once the cul-de-sac is realigned, 100' of the balustrade would not be rebuilt but it could be incorporated in the design and style in other places. The light standard to be removed, was part of the replacement in 2008.

Board Member McDoniel stated that she was not completely opposed to the fake fountain. She asked if the fake wood, is to be replaced, kept, or restored. She also inquired about the plaques.

Ms. Sramala stated that it would depend on the engineering needed to stabilize the falls. In terms of the other fake wood items, there are some behind the falls on the trail which will be protected in place. Where handrails are needed, staff intends to use the same look and feel. There is a tile mosaic of St. Francis which needs restoring, some pieces are still in place. She noted that the plaques are missing.

Mr. Watson added that there are historic photos of the plaques but they have been missing for a while.

Board Member McDoniel stated that she would encourage the restoration of those. She asked whether the majority of the Loring Park would be landscaped or paved? Mr. Loring loved his trees, the more rustic for that area.

Board Member Carter asked for clarification as to where the proposed trucks were going to be.

Ms. Sramala noted that as shown on the exhibit, the food truck parking would be south of the bulb.

Board Member McDoniel asked whether Parks would be committed to staffing the trash cans, especially when food trucks are present.



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Board Member Brown stated that his impression is that this is a bold, innovative and reinvention of a part of the City of Riverside that has been neglected for more than half a century. He was inclined favorably to the removal of the 100' of the balustrade and the raincross light because it makes the space next to the balustrade much more functional. He recognized Mr. Loring's contributions but also encouraged, through art or signs, the recognition of the hundreds of years that native americans have occupied all of these parts and sites. There are photos in our museum as late as the 1920's of native americans living in these areas.

Chair Gamble commented on the outreach program. DANA is working on reaching out to have someone from Parks to present to them so that the neighbors can be more involved. She would like to see this happen just a little more. She commented on the light posts. There were two different light posts used in the city. The first design is located at the parent navel orange tree landmark. She thought having the two designs stand next to each other would be a way to reflect the history.

Board Member Tobin suggested the formation of CHB subcommittee to work with Parks and help them through the process. He would hate for them to come back in six months for a Certificate of Appropriateness that just did not fly.

Ms. Galera stated that they have had a very robust community input process. There have been several community meetings and they will continue with the community meetings, accepting website comments, as well as welcoming any comments from the community and this Board.

Board Member Brown stated he wasn't shy about providing comment today. He is confident that the Parks Department is sensitive to the need to reach out to the native americans in the region. It is important to realize that prior to the arrival of Mr. Loring, that there were people who lived here for a millennia. He is confident that the Parks Department and consultants get that the plan needs to incorporate a broader history of the City of Riverside.

Ms. Sramala thanked Board Member Brown for his comments. She noted that they have reached out to the local tribes. There is an opportunity for an interpretative panel to include the history of the native American tribes.



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Mr. Beaumon noted that the formation of a subcommittee could get the Board into a due process issue.

Following further discussion, the Board did not take formal action on this matter.

DISCUSSION

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Watson gave a presentation on the CLG.

Chair Gamble asked if there was anyone present to comment on this item. There was no one on-line or present.

Board Member Brown asked for clarification as to whether the Board had to receive public comment on each item.

Mr. Beaumon stated that he will research this and get back to the Board at the next meeting.

Board Member McDoniel noted that her email is listed incorrectly in the report.

Mr. Watson stated he would update that.

Motion made by Board Member Brown to provide input, receive and file and support the Certified Local Government Annual Report, Seconded by Board Member McDoniel.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Brown, Carter, Gamble, Horychuk, McDoniel, Tobin

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CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD RULES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AND CONDUCT OF HEARINGS – ANNUAL REVIEW

Mr. Watson stated that staff had no recommended changes for this.

There was no public comment on this item.

Board Member McDoniel recommended that the Board move to strike Article 14. This is part of the Code of Ethics and has caused them a lot of confusion and problems.

Motion by Board Member Brown to approve the Rules with the deletion of Article 14.

SUBSTITUTE Motion by Board Member Tobin to refer this item to the Title 20 review subcommittee. That the subcommittee review this item and forward their recommendation to the full Board.

Board Member Brown withdrew his motion.

Mr. Beaumon clarified that the Rules can be amended as many times as the Board wishes. He recommended that the Board approve the Rules and satisfy the Board's requirement to review the rules annually and still review and makes changes at the next meeting.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Board Member Brown to approve the Rules and delete Article 14, Seconded by Board Member Horychuk.

Mr. Beaumon recommended wording, "board members are not to address the City Council in their official capacity as a board member."

Board Member Brown withdrew his motion and motioned to approve and amend the rules as recommended by the City Attorney. The second, Board Member Horychuk did not agree to the change.

Board Member Brown deferred to the second of the motion and withdrew his motion.

Following discussion, a SUBSTITUTE Motion was made by Board Member Carter to continue the rules to a future meeting.



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Chair Gamble stated that due to the time constraints, she stated that the CHB rules and the remainder of the agenda items will be continued to the April 20, 2022 meeting.

Board Member Carter withdrew her motion.

Board Member Brown withdrew his motion, the second, Board Member Horychuk, agreed to withdraw.

COMMUNICATIONS

February 1, 2022 CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP

The item was continued to the April 20, 2022 meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM CITY PLANNER AND BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Kopaskie-Brown updated the Board on upcoming items for the Board's consideration.

She asked the Board if they were interested in staff working on the language for the rules based on the other board/commission rules. It was the consensus of the Board that staff research this wording.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m. to the meeting of April 20, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.