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Annual Report 2012 Public Art and Community Design Committee (PACD)

The Public Art and Community Design Committee (PACD), a committee managed by the Tucson Pima Arts Council, is composed of twenty-one members: eight members represent Tucson's six City Council Members, Mayor, and City Manager; six members represent Pima County's five District Supervisors and County Administrator; seven members are appointed by the Tucson Pima Arts Councils' Board of Directors.

2012 PACD Overview

The PACD's ongoing work includes reviewing recommendations of selection panels unique to each capital improvement project for artists to receive commissions to design and create public art for Tucson and Pima County. The Committee also provides direction regarding donations, and discusses efforts to restore specific artworks in the City's collection. The Committee forms subcommittees to work on specific issues as necessary.

New Projects

Panel recommendations were approved for artists for Tucson and Pima County. Tucson Parks and Recreation Department projects include Menlo Park Soccer Field Addition, Toumey Park, and Santa Rita Skate Park. An artist team was also approved for a World War II Memorial; this project was initiated through Ward 5. Tucson Transportation Department projects approved include several art projects in the Dunbar Spring Neighborhood. Pima County projects include the Sabino Bike Lane, Centennial Elementary, and Giaconda Way.

The PACD reviewed the artist selection process for each of these projects and discussed the qualifications of the artist recommended by the artist selection panel for each award.

Maintenance and Deaccession

The Committee provided guidance in the review for maintenance and/or deaccession (removal) of three projects. The Committee discussed the Eckbo-designed hardscape and landscape at the Tucson Convention Center in response to request from Parks and Recreation to modify one pool in particular. This request prompted formation of a subcommittee to review the request in detail; this review resulted in a Committee motion to not support deaccession or modification.

A subcommittee was formed to review the deaccession of tile mural panels at 22nd Street and Barraza Aviation Parkway. The Committee approved deaccession of these badly deteriorated panels.

The Tucson Pima Arts Council fosters artistic expression, educational development and the economic growth of our diverse community by supporting, promoting, and advocating for arts and culture.

The Committee also participated in preliminary discussion regarding potential relocation of an archway along the Santa Cruz River Path, removal of a tile snake sculpture in a median at Pantano Parkway and Wrightstown Road, and relocation of an artist-designed bus shelter that had been installed immediately in front of a mural done by a different artist.

Donations

The Committee reviewed and approved the design for a tile mural designed by Bens Bells with artist Brenda Semanick for potential installation along the floodwall at the Luis G. Gutierrez Bridge (previously Cushing Street Bridge).

Other Committee Work

The Committee discussed creating several subcommittees to work on issues of importance to public art but determined that no additional subcommittees are required at this time.

The Committee also provided guidance and perspective to staff on ongoing projects.