I. Approval of Minutes - March 2012

A motion was made by John Ryzanych and seconded by Sheila Cunha that the minutes of March 19, 2012 be accepted as submitted. Motion passed 4/0; Dave Sadoff, Matt Turner – excused

II. Castro Valley Boulevard Streetscape Artwork –

Marita Hawryluk, Project Manager for the Castro Valley Streetscape and John Gibbs, Landscape Architect, presented introductory comments to the Council regarding the process of the selection and were also available for any questions.

Rachel Osajima, Executive Director, Alameda County Arts Commission, presented an overview of the Castro Valley Boulevard Streetscape Artwork.

A video was played to describe the process of how the artist and art work selection was made. In addition, members of the selection committee commented on the art work selection and the process on the change of material from limestone to granite.

Kathy O’Dea, member of the Alameda County Arts Commission, reported on the Commission’s consideration of the motion made by the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council on March 19, 2012, regarding the public artwork. The Commission concluded that while acknowledging the MAC’s interest to ensure a successful project, their belief is that process has been fair and transparent and they support the decision by the artist and selection panel. The Commission will continue to encourage communication about this project.

Terry Liebowitz and Marc Yin were members of the selection panel and also made comments regarding the process.

Speakers

Jody Culver: Is disappointed in the changes in material; she has made some suggestions to the Art Commission and hopes it’s not too late to implement some of the suggestions.

John Linden: The change took me by surprise, the community had their say, the MAC does their homework, plea to the Board is to use the MAC more, we have this resource here lets use it.

Peter Rosen: The MAC does a great job. Suggestion or questions if the issue is the beige versus the dark, there is tan granite. Question is has anyone thought about skateboard traffic.
Matt Turner: Brass rims raised in the benches to prevent skateboard traffic.
Discussion

Cheryl Miraglia stated that the MAC has done all that they could do after the fact (of the changes made) and thanked the Art Commission, selection panel members and others working on the project.

This item was informational only and required no Council Action.

III. Discussion of Board of Supervisors General Plan Decision – Castro Valley MAC

The Council discussed the decision of the Board of Supervisors vote regarding the public facilities zoning in the Castro Valley General Plan.

Marc Crawford made the following motion based on the discussion of the MAC Council:

The Council should form a subcommittee to draft a letter to the East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD), expressing its disappointment in Director Frank Mellon and comments he made concerning the Public Facilities land use designation in the Castro Valley General Plan, at several meetings, including the Board of Supervisors’ meeting. Due to Mr. Mellon’s comments, the Council would request an apology from Mr. Mellon, and if he spoke on the EBMUD Board’s behalf, an apology from the entire EBMUD Board also.

Motion was seconded by Matt Turner. Motions passed 5/0, Sheila Cunha, excused

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Negri, Superintendent, Castro Valley Unified School District, invited the MAC to the District’s 1st annual Parent Conference “Parent University” on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 8am to 12noon at 4400 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley, Ca.

Peter Rosen, Castro Valley resident, has been attending MAC meetings for years and considers the MAC a valuable resource. Mr. Rosen thanked them for their efforts in Castro Valley.

Adjourned to July 16, 2012.