



Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation

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Dear Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City Council, Landmarks Preservation, Civic Arts, Parks Recreation & Waterfront Commissioners,

The Confederated Villages of Lisjan Nation, unanimously supports the Indigenous-led current design and plans first approved by the City of Berkeley initially in 1991, and noted in the Landmark Application, September 11, 1997, which includes a water feature when first adopted by Berkeley.

Artist and Designer, Lee Sprague and Marlene Watson, the original creators of the Turtle Island Monument/Fountain have worked with Indigenous communities in Berkeley, and Internationally and we in support of the Turtle Island Monument/'Fountain and behind them and their vision for the construction of the Turtle Island Monument at Berkeley's Civic Center.

We ask the City of Berkeley to continue their support for the Turtle Island Monument/Fountain, and lend their cooperation and assistance to bring this long held vision to reality.

Uni' (Respectfully)

Corrina Gould, Tribal Chair

From: vincesail@aol.com
To: [Lovvorn, Jennifer](#); [Taleporos, Zoe](#)
Subject: Re: Civic Arts Commission 1/18/23
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:55:40 AM
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Ms. Lovvorn & Ms. Taleporos,

Thanks for sending the latest version of the agenda with the Willard Clubhouse proposal attached.

There were what I believe to be several significant errors in the proposal as drafted.

At the bottom of page 23, the document states: **The final conceptual design for Willard Clubhouse calls for a 4,195 square-foot all electric, multi-purpose recreation building which features a lobby, all-gender restrooms, an office, kitchen, a 790 square-foot community room, and a larger 1,570 square-foot community room with a dividing wall to split the space into two smaller rooms. Completion of the project is anticipated for Fall 2024.**

If you look at the Floor Plan of the new building on page 32, it shows a total of 1,700 sq. ft. for indoor activity space rather than the 2.360 sq. ft. in the text quoted above.

Not shown is the reduction in total footprint of the new structure which is now roughly 3,100 sq. ft. rather than the 4,195 sq. ft. in the text quoted above.

Since the project has not yet come out of the Planning Department and gone to ZAB for multiple variance and AUP approval, it is highly unlikely that the time frame for the project shown on page 24 is still correct.

The artwork will be located at a prominent wall in the Clubhouse lobby measuring 18' 5" wide by 10' high. While the main viewing experience will be in the Clubhouse interior, the artwork will also be visible to the outside through the glass entry walls.

Since there may be further modifications to the plan needed if after hearing from the neighbors ZAB does not approve all of the variances and AUP's requested. Such modifications may well impact the size and placement of the interior art. It is also not clear that a final decision regarding the exterior wall treatment and window placement has been determined.

I am concerned that it is too early in the process to begin to take artist's time and energy to create an art project that may not be what the document says it will be. A more reasonable approach would be to wait till ZAB and Council have rendered their verdict on the size and visual look of the building.

Thank you for passing this on to the Commissioners as a late submission for their meeting tomorrow evening at 6pm.

<https://cityofberkeley-info.zoomgov.com/j/1605902821>

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From: Lovvorn, Jennifer <JLovvorn@cityofberkeley.info>
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Dear Vincent,

The Public Art Plan for Willard Clubhouse is in this [agenda packet](#) on page 23 of the packet.