



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City Arts Advisory Committee and Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 21, 2009 Gebhard Public Meeting Room 630 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee

Members Present: Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Judy Nilsen, Darian Blecher, Gail Pine, Michael Humphrey, Tom Morey, Suzanne Fairly-Green

Members Absent:

Visual Art in Public Places Committee

Members Present: Judy Nilsen, Chair; Jacqueline Dyson, Darian Blecher, Martha Gray, Susan Keller, Phyllis de Picciotto, Suzanne Fairly-Green

Members Absent: Mary Heebner, Teen Conlon

Liaisons Present: Susette Naylor, HLC

Liaisons Absent: Judith Cook, Parks and Recreation Department; James Blakely, ABR; Helene Schneider, City Council

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director; Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator /Curator of Collections; Linda Gardy, Business Specialist II; Lucy O'Brien, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Phyllis de Picciotto called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and called the roll.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
 - A. The Minutes of April 16, 2009 were approved with the following correction: Page 2, paragraph 4, and line 2, changed “here” to “her”. Nilsen/Morey
 - B. **Director’s Report (G. Brush)**
 - Ginny Brush announced the new website for the Arts Commission at www.sbartcommission.org. It includes increased links to City and County departments, current City Cultural Arts grantees, the California Arts Council and its Arts License Plate program. Additional information on exhibitions, public art, grants, recent and upcoming programs and events.
 - 2009-10 City Grants Process is well underway. Grant workshops, which are mandatory this year, have been well attended. Ginny Brush reviewed the grant process timeline and highlighted July 16, 2009 for the July meeting to approve the panel recommendations.

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October 7 or 8 is projected for the celebratory 2009-10 grant recipient reception. This year grantees were encouraged to provide support materials with each grant application for individual panel review, not just one master set.

- The *Storefront Gallery Project* pilot program – Information on the project has been sent out in press releases about the project. The current installed storefront sites have been well received by the property manager/owners currently participating. Downtown Organization staff continues to work to get more owners to participate in the program. The poetry exhibition curated by Poet Laureate David Starkey will continue through late June. Photographer and arts writer Brett Leigh Dicks will curate the next exhibition of historic Santa Barbara photos scheduled to open July 2nd for 1st Thursday.
- Arts Funding Sustainability Committee and Annual Arts Symposium – A follow up meeting of the Arts Funding Sustainability Advisory Group was held last week. The group has scheduled a public meeting to be held June 15, 2009 for the purpose of establishing committees engaging the arts community in collaborative efforts. Feeling that the Symposium goals were met and it was successful; especially presenting the sustainability aspects arts organizations are implementing.
- California Arts Council Statewide Conference - Rita and Ginny attended the annual conference in Sacramento April 28 and 29. They received very favorable comments from several CAC staff on Santa Barbara's programs and recent Symposium.
- For those members that did not attend the April 22 City Advisory Groups Workshop in the Faulkner Library with City Administrator Jim Armstrong please make a point to go to the following email link scroll down to the section titled ³Advisory Group Information² and familiarize yourself with ³A User's Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act² and Parliamentary Procedures - Motions http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Boards_and_Commissions/

4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE (VAPP). Judy Nilsen, Chair, called the VAPP meeting to order at 3:50 pm.

A. Proposal for Santa Barbara City College Centennial Photographic Exhibition.

In Rita's absence, Ginny Brush presented a proposal from Santa Barbara City College for a photographic exhibition in the City Hall Gallery, commemorating SBCC's Centennial year 2009/2010. City College would cover the costs of the exhibition. A motion carried to approve the proposed exhibition from Santa Barbara City College Centennial photo exhibition for City Hall to be installed in November 2009. Keller/Bleecher.

B. Visual Art Coordinator/Curator of Collections Staff Report - Rita Ferri.

1. Channing Peake Gallery is currently housing the disaster relief efforts of the County EOC. UCSB Professor Harry Reese will have a dialogue with Heather Jenó Silva, curator of the exhibition on June 4th from 6-7pm as part of *1st Thursday*.
2. City Hall Gallery – The office of the City Risk Manager has received a bid from Art Essentials to restore the remaining Colin Campbell Cooper paintings housed in offices at City Hall. The Coopers' restored and removed from the City Hall Gallery are now being stored in the County Arts Commission vault and the new appraised values have been updated in the Commission's electronic archive of the artwork in the collection.
3. Summer Solstice Poster exhibition opens in the City Hall Gallery on June 4th, from 4-6pm, with a reception as part of *1st Thursday*. A Solstice inflatable designed by artist Pali Ex will be on display in De la Guerra Plaza. The poster exhibition runs through November 2009.
The Summer Solstice workshop is open and Ginny invited members to walk over and see the workshop. The official opening is Friday, May 22, 2009 and the Solstice celebrity waiter fundraiser at Pascucci Restaurant is scheduled for June 4.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Phyllis de Picciotto informed the group of an event to be held September 23, 2009 at her home to announce the Santa Barbara City College New Media Center.
- B. Jacqueline Dyson announced Santa Barbara Beautiful is sponsoring a square at I Madonnari. Patty Jacquemain will be the featured artist for the square, and youth from Project Renaissance will create the chalk image.

3. NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 3:30 pm in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.