



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City Arts Advisory Committee and Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee MINUTES

Thursday, April 21, 2011 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Granada Garage Meeting Room; 2nd Fl.
1220 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:

Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Suzanne Fairly-Green; Judy Nilsen; Robert Adams;
Roman Baratiak;

Members Absent: Michael Humphrey; Darian Bleacher;

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Present:

Judy Nilsen, Chair; Susan Keller; Phyllis de Picciotto; Chair Suzanne Fairly-Green; Jacqueline Dyson;

Members Absent: Martha Gray, Teen Conlon; Darian Bleacher; Mary Heebner;

Liaisons Present: Susette Naylor, (HLC);

Liaisons Absent: Judith Cook (Parks & Recreation), Frank Hotchkiss (City Council), Paul Zink, (ABR)

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director

Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Lucy O'Brien, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** –Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm and called the roll.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- None.

3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A. Approval of Minutes –March 17, 2011. The minutes were approved as presented. Adams/Baratiak

B. Director's Report – Ginny Brush

1. Americans for the *Arts & Economic Prosperity IV* Survey. The first quarter reporting, including the roster of approximately 200 arts organizations and surveys from five organizations, was sent to Washington on March 30th. Ms. Brush stressed the need for surveys that represent Santa Barbara's arts audience and document proof that the arts are an economic driver in the county. She encouraged committee members to participate with surveying significant organizations. The committee brainstormed on ways to help with this project. An idea was suggested to offer an incentive such as a ticket raffle for completed surveys. Surveys will be emailed to requesting committee members.

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2. The 6th Annual Arts Symposium was held April 15, 2011. Brush thanked committee members for attending. The social networking presentation will be available on-line for those who missed the presentation. Networking opportunities were much appreciated.
 3. Brush will be attending the California Arts Council State Conference held in conjunction with the Americans for the Arts National Conference in San Diego in June.
 4. The City is starting budget talks and is currently considering status quo funding for the Arts Commission for next year. The County is currently considering reorganizing and consolidating Departments.
- C. **Selection of Grants Review Committees for 2011-12- Phyllis de Picciotto.** The review process was outlined for new members. Grants are distributed in advance of review, a pre-determined criteria is followed to review each grant, and then funding is allocated. Roman Baratiak recommended seeing their previous year's evaluation statement from grantees as to how the money was used, and include it with the new application for review. Susan Keller stressed the need to include production quality and the numbers served, by prior funding, in the criteria. Community Arts Review Committee for 2011-12 will be Roman Baratiak, Robert Adams, and Darian Blecher. The Organizational Development Review Committee will be Suzanne Fairly-Green, Michael Humphrey, Phyllis de Picciotto, and Judy Nilsen as the alternate. Reviews will take place in June, 2011.
4. **VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE-** Judy Nilsen, Chair, called the meeting to order 4:15 pm.
- A. **Arts Collaborative /Art in the Mayor's Office - Judy Nilsen:** The next exhibition in the Mayor's office will be photography, and a call for artists will go out for art for next quarter. Art will hang for three months. The committee members reported seeing the group participating in the Art Crawl at the April 1st Thursday at many diverse locations.
 - B. **Update on Paseo Nuevo Center Court Amphitheater De-accessioning - Rita Ferri:** Ferri organized photographing the artwork at Paseo Nuevo for documentation. One of the artists asked for some tiles to be returned to her if possible during demolition. The demolition hasn't been scheduled. There were no updates from HLC on the project.
 - C. **Airport update:** The Channing Peake mural is still in storage. Loriann David is planning to install her mosaic medallion in mid-May. Stencil painting is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 15th. We are working on signage with the airport. Pierre Claeysens Veterans Museum Committee will meet again 4/27/11 to further review art proposals. The Gala Committee is working on various ideas for commemorative items such as posters and glasses. There are a limited amount of tickets for the Gala Opening Event on June 17, 2011 and members are encouraged to plan early if they want to attend. Tickets will go on sale May 1, 2011 for that event. The public opening event is June 19, 2011.

D. Staff Report – Rita Ferri:

1. Chromatic Gate: Arts Commission met with Barry Berkus and Nina Dunbar from the Arts Fund, on April 11th, to discuss a further strategy for fundraising. Fundraising has stalled, it seems each party is poised to give but is reluctant to commit until a significant amount of lead gifts are raised. Barry has agreed to make some personal asks in the community during the following week, to see if he can secure a significant total amount and then go to other funders as a match. A recent pledge for \$500 was made by Carol Kenyon former VAPP member.
2. Historical Cultural Arts District exhibition update.
 - 2a. The exhibition *Channing Peake: Mural Studies* will continue at the City Hall Gallery until January 2012; the exhibition is an expansion of the debut of the *Fiesta Mural* at the Santa Barbara Airport.
 - 2b. - CHANNING PEAKE GALLERY
The exhibition, *Santa Barbara Art Roots: Celebrating 60 Years*, an exhibition by the Santa Barbara Art Association (SBAA) continues. The Arts Commission received a Josef Woodard review from the Santa Barbara News-Press. The SBAA March 1st Thursday event consisted of two workshops, and April will have two workshops as well and a video presentation in the hearing room.
3. Update on Haley/De la Vina Bridge Project with David Black, Landscape Architect and Artist Tom Stanley.
The ribbon cutting for the completion of the Haley De la Vina Bridge Project is on Thursday, April 28, at 10 am. Tom Stanley created aquatic designs which were stamped into the concrete; Tina Villadolid, SBMA arts educator, worked with students in an afterschool program and created ceramic tiles which were incorporated into the bridge.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Santa Barbara Beautiful is accepting nominations for the annual awards. The forms are on the website, www.sbbeautiful.org and in CASA Magazine on Friday, April 22.
 - Santa Barbara Revels May Day Celebration is on Sunday, May 1 at 12:00 noon in front of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.
 - Judy Nilsen recommended visiting the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum's "Back Porch" water adventure. It is filled with natural elements and is inspiring for young people.
 - Phyllis de Picciotto commented on the positive nature of effect of the sculptures in the Jardin de las Granadas by Francis Michael Dawson and what a special space it is.
 - Judy Nilsen announced the Cock-a-Doodle-Do Exhibition at the Tennis Club.
 - The committee commented on the good publicity for Poet Laureate, Paul Willis.
 - Rita Ferri recommended visiting Westmont Arts Gallery on the Westmont Campus and experiencing the new Art Museum.
6. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm. Next meeting at will be held in the David Gebhard Meeting Room on May 19, 2011 from 3:30 pm. - 5:00 pm.