



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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

Thursday, April 19, 2012• 3:30 - 5:00 pm
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:

Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice-Chair; Roman Baratiak, Darian Bleecher, Carol Taylor, Nathan Vonk

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Robert Adams

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Present:

Judy Nilsen, Chair; Darian Bleecher, Teen Conlon, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Phyllis de Picciotto, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray, Susan Keller

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Absent: Mary Heebner

Liaisons Present: Frank Hotchkiss (City Council)

Liaisons Absent: Paul Zink, (ABR), Judith Cook (Parks & Recreation), Barry Winick (HLC)

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director

Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Linda Gardy, Business Specialist II

Leslee Sipress, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair at 3:35 PM and roll was called.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair

A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2012 were approved as submitted (*M/S/C: Fairly-Green/Vonk*)

B. Director's Report - Ginny Brush

The Committee heard updates on the:

1. The Annual Arts Symposium for April 27, 2012 at the Canary Hotel has a confirmed Keynote Speaker, Craig Watson, Director of the California Arts Council, who will highlight entrepreneurial approaches to the Arts and strategies for increasing Arts education opportunities in and outside of school. Staff will be interviewed on "Talking with the Mayor" on KEYT radio, airing April 21st at 10:00 AM.
2. National Poetry Month events wrapped up with a series of events organized by City Poet Laureate Paul Willis. A proclamation was read at the Santa Barbara City Council meeting April 10th. An additional Poetry Event, supported by the Arts Commission, will take place at the Planning Commission Hearing Room on April 19th. Janice Rorick and Sojourner Kincaid Rolle will host the Annual Young People's Poetry Contest Winners' Reading.
3. New County Cultural Arts Enrichment Grants deadline for application is April 30th. This grant program is the result of a partnership with the Santa Barbara

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Bowl Foundation with funding support from its Arts Subsidy program. Grants will support programs and activities that increase access to the arts for rural and under-served communities. The application is now available electronically online. It is a writeable PDF and is intended to be very user friendly.

4. Transition to online Grant submittal process for all City and Events & Festivals Grants for 2012-13 is now being completed by the Arts Commission Staff. Grants will be announced and available after the Arts Symposium. A timeline for this year's City Grants grant process has been established. Technical support workshops will include guidance on completing and submitting the grant application online.
5. Public Art (*In Plain Sight*) DVD project is being updated to HD and Blu-ray with the generous support of the Jacoby Family Trust, Santa Barbara Beautiful and the Santa Barbara Airport.
6. 2012-13 California Arts Council's State and Local Partnership (SLPP) grant application is due for online submission April 20th. The maximum funding amount requested will be \$12,000 this year. These funds are generated from the sale of the Arts License Plates.
7. The Arts Commission is providing support for a "pop-up" spoken-word performance at the Coffee Cat organized by the Zaveeni Khan-Marcus, Director of the UCSB Multi-Cultural Center. Rudy Francisco will perform at the Coffee Cat as part of 1st Thursday, May 3rd.

C. City Arts Grant Panels – City Arts Advisory members were selected for the Community Arts and Organizational Development Grant review panels. The following members will be on the Community Arts panel: Robert Adams, Carol Taylor and Roman Baratiak. The following members will be on the Organizational Development panel: Nathan Vonk, Darian Bleecher and Suzanne Fairly-Green.

D. Funk Zone Update (Nathan Vonk) – Meetings are being held with the Mayor and locals regarding the architectural heritage and demographics of the Funk Zone area which is comprised of artists, merchants, the surf community and landowners, in the hopes of retaining the unique qualities of this creative district. On October 6th there will be a special event Funk Zone event in conjunction with Epicure SB. The challenges being faced in the future include zoning, parking, and gentrification (leading to increased rents on the resident artists). Laura Inks received a grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation to compile a database of the residents and future plans include surveying residents and promotion of artists in the area. Ginny noted that the Interactive Youth Project has secured space in the Funk Zone.

4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE – Judy Nilsen called the meeting to order at 4:14 pm.

A. Update on Status of Milpas and Cacique Street Bridge Project – Ginny Brush, Director.

A representative from Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Fred Luna, was in attendance. Ribbon cutting photos were circulated to the group. Milpas underpass is complete but the new Cacique Street bridge underpass now needs to move forward with Public Art Component. Funding is lacking for the Art component, and SBCAG and the City right-of-way issues need to be resolved. Meetings were held to look for funding sources and what kind of art would be appropriate for the area.

B. Staff Report – Rita Ferri

- 1. Santa Barbara Airport Public Art:** The Douglas Lochner's proposal for an architectural glass public sculpture, funded in large part by the Pierre Claeysens' Foundation, for the Santa Barbara Airport which was unanimously approved at the February 2012 VAPP/Arts Advisory meeting, is still pending and not yet brought to the Architectural Board of Review Committee (ABR). If approved they will create a time line for installation.

2. Chromatic Gate: The kick-off gift of \$10,000 from the Jacoby Family Trust by David Jacoby was matched by a \$10,000 gift by the Robert and Mercedes Eichholz Foundation. Additionally Santa Barbara Beautiful has pledged \$10,000, to be given when the fund reaches \$48,000 in funds necessary to begin the restoration process.

3. Channing Peake Gallery: The *Threshold* exhibition was de-installed on Friday, April 13th. The poetry event, *Poets on the Threshold*, was held on April 5, 1st Thursday with Paul Willis, the City Poet Laureate and six other Santa Barbara poets and filmed by County TV, Channel 20. The Arts Commission also has a link posted on the www.sbartscommission.org website.

The Santa Barbara Printmakers 19th Annual Juried Exhibition, installs on Saturday, April 21st, with a 1st Thursday reception from 5-8pm and award ceremony at 6pm. Paul Mallowney from Mallowney Printing in San Francisco is the juror for the exhibition. Almost 200 entries have been pre-registered to date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm. **The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2012 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at the Granada Garage 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 1221 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara.**