



CITY ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE and
VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 16, 2014

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MINUTES

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present: Robert Adams, Darian Bleecher, Nina Dunbar, Elizabeth Owen, Marylove Thralls

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Carol Taylor, Nathan Vonk

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Darian Bleecher, Jacqueline Dyson, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Mary Heebner

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent: Teen Conlon, Phyllis de Picciotto, Martha Gray, Susan Keller, Judy Nilsen

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Paul Zink, ABR; Judith Cook, Parks & Recreation; Barry Winick, HLC

Staff Present: Ginny Brush, Executive Director
Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections
Lyn Semenza, Business Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:40pm.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Approval of Minutes

Action: Suzanne Fairly-Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Darian Bleecher. *The motion passed.*

B. Introductions/welcome new Committee members and Selection of new Chair and Vice Chair.

Three new Arts Advisory Committee members were introduced. They are Nina Dunbar, Elizabeth Owen and Marylove Thralls. Nominations for a chair and vice-chair for 2014 were requested. Darian Bleecher nominated Robert Adams for chair. Nina Dunbar seconded the nomination. Nina Dunbar nominated Darian Bleecher for vice-chair. Elizabeth Owen seconded the nomination. Voting will take place during the February Arts Advisory / VAPP meeting.

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C. Director's Report – Ginny Brush

- 1) **Cultural Arts Master Plan Update** – Approximately 80 people attended over the course of the 2 workshops held on November 22nd and December 9th in the Faulkner Gallery at the Santa Barbara Public Library. The Mayor spoke at the event on the 9th and Liz Limon, City Planning staff, provided maps and documents from the City's 20-year plan that helped inform the discussion. The final report for the Technical Assistance grant requirements has been sent to the California Arts Council and an invoice will be submitted for final payment.

Going forward, staff will distill the notes and recommendations of the two meetings and follow up with those who expressed interest in serving on the a Cultural Arts Master Plan Task Force to move forward in developing a timeline and series of regularly scheduled meetings to prepare a Cultural Arts Master Plan with goals and implementation measures within the month.

- 2) **New California Arts Council Funding/Programs Update on CSSSA** – The Santa Barbara County Arts Commission has been asked to join other California Counties participating in the California Summer School for Arts Scholarship network. We received a \$700 grant that will help in outreach and in covering costs associated with hosting an event recognizing Santa Barbara County students selected to participate in the State Summer School for the Arts at the Cal Arts Campus in Valencia.

Ms. Brush distributed materials and encouraged Arts Advisory and VAPP members to outreach to high school art teachers and talented students in all creative disciplines and encouraged them to apply. Applications are due on or before February 28th, 2014. Program and application information is available on the California Arts Council Website.

Keep Art In Schools (KAIS) – The California Arts Council announced early this month that the “Check Off for the Arts” program that allows for individuals to support arts education programs by making tax-deductible contributions through the Voluntary Contribution portion of state tax returns has returned under a new branding: Keep Art in School (KAIS). Ms. Brush distributed materials regarding the program and encouraged Arts Advisory and VAPP members to reach out to non-profits to make them aware of the program and let them know that files and materials are available on the Arts Council website to advertise the program in newsletters, websites and on social media.

- 3) **Poetry Out Loud Update** – The date for this year's County Competition is set for Wednesday, February 12th, from 5-8pm in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room. To date, schools participating include 2 high schools in Santa Maria, 1 in Orcutt, Dos Pueblos High School in Goleta, Bishop Diego and Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara. County of Santa Barbara TV will again be broadcasting the event. Santa Barbara Poet Laureate Chryss Yost has agreed to serve as MC and to also serve as the Poets in the Schools link to provide guidance to those students participating in the competition. The State competition will be held on March 17th & 18th at the Capitol Building in Sacramento. A proclamation recognizing the Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud and April as National Poetry Month is planned for the Board of Supervisor's April 1st meeting.

- 4) **Annual Arts Symposium Date Set** – Save the Date for the Countywide Arts Symposium April 18th, 2014 again at the Canary Hotel in Santa Barbara. Potential keynote speakers are being contacted. One of the breakout topics will address community efforts to increase Arts Education in Schools. The other will likely address the general issue of Arts and Economic Development/Creative Placemaking. If you have ideas for speakers please contact Ms. Brush.

NPR's StoryCorps visit from December 13th – 20th, was a great success thanks to the collaborative efforts of Mary Olson, General Manager of KCLU radio (who had the idea to bring StoryCorps to Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties), Patsy Hicks of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and Irene Macias of the Santa Barbara Public Library. A selection of interviews taped during the visit to Santa Barbara and Ventura will air on CKLU in March according to Mary Olson.

D. Update on Funk Zone Community Engagement – Nathan Vonk
Ginny Brush gave an update on behalf of Nathan Vonk.

Painting of the temporary mural on the exterior wall of the Indigo Hotel began yesterday. The project is sponsored by the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara and the artist is working with students from Youth Interactive.

The Arts Fund has been working with others in the Funk Zone to organize *2nd Saturday*, similar to *1st Thursday*, between 1:00 – 4:00pm in the Funk Zone. There are currently 12 venues participating and it is scheduled to begin in March, 2014.

The City Arts Advisory group meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

4. VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

- A. Update on status of Chromatic Gate Maintenance Agreement and Plan** – We received a suggested maintenance plan from South Coast Fine Art Restoration, the local company that organized and completed the restoration of the Gate with Michael Fitzpatrick Fine Auto Finishing. We are in the process of writing the agreement to present to Santa Barbara City Parks and Recreation Department to facilitate the first cleaning and waxing and future maintenance cleanings. The County Arts Commission has funds for a limited number of cleanings and will transfer monies to Parks as the jobs are completed. Michael Fitzpatrick Fine Auto Finishing will complete the hand-washing and waxing in the future using a lift. Committee members were encouraged to the opportunity to view the Chromatic Gate some evening and see the new nighttime underground lighting installed by City Public Works.

B. Staff Report

- 1) **Update on development of guidelines for temporary rotating art displays at the Rickard Airport Terminal** – Karen Ramsdell, as one of her last acts before retiring as Director of the John T. Rickard Airport, drew up a draft of the rotating artwork guidelines that was distributed to all Airport Committee members for their input. At our December 3rd meeting we discussed edits and changes to the guidelines and further discussed rotating

exhibits of regional art. Hazel Johns, the Acting Airport Director said that Karen is still working on that document and will reconvene the meeting of the Airport Committee when the document is completed.

- 2) **Historical Cultural Arts District exhibition updates including the Channing Peake Gallery** – The **Channing Peake: *Beyond Cubism*** exhibition was deinstalled on January 10, 2014 and all works borrowed from area collectors have been returned and the County’s Anne and Walon Green Collection has been returned to the vault as well. At the January 2nd *1st Thursday*, Cheri Peake and Elizabeth Raber de Hernandez, a former gallerist, conducted a walk-thru gallery talk that was very well attended.

This Saturday, the Santa Barbara Art Association is having an ingathering at the Channing Peake Gallery for an exhibition titled *Inside/Outside*, and the work will be hung that day. The juror, Sylvia White, had to bow out unexpectedly at the last minute and Randy Sommer, co-owner of ACME Gallery in Los Angeles will take her place. February 6th on *1st Thursday*, will be the opening reception and an awards ceremony will take place at 6pm.

- 3) **Upcoming exhibition proposal for the Santa Barbara City Hall Gallery, *Passionate Pursuits: Early Santa Barbara Female Artists*** - The City Hall Gallery 2014 exhibition, ***Herbert Bayer: Synthesis*** will continue until Thursday, January 23rd. The next exhibition, approved at our November 1013 meeting is ***Passionate Pursuits: Early Santa Barbara Female Artists***. The exhibition will install in late February and open on March 6, *1st Thursday*, and will coordinate with March being Women’s History month.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2014 from 3:30PM – 5:00PM at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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