



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

Thursday, April 17, 2014

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

David Gebhard Public Meeting 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: Nathan Vonk

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Judy Nilsen, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray, Susan Keller

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent: Teen Conlon, Phyllis de Picciotto, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Mary Heebner

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Courtney Miller 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 3:35PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Approval of Minutes

Marylove Thralls made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2014 and March 20, 2014 meetings. Motion seconded by Robert Adams. Elizabeth Owen, Nina Dunbar and Darian Bleecher abstained. *The motion passed.*

B. Director's Report – Ginny Brush

Ms. Brush reported on the responses to the Arts Advisory letters sent to the City regarding the City Seal Mosaic near Sea Landing and Cabrillo Blvd. and the mural on the north wall of the Cajun Kitchen restaurant at the corner of Chapala and Canon Perdido. Bettie Weiss, Interim Director of the Community Development Department, staff from the Waterfront Department and Jaime Limon all provided insight. The Waterfront staff in including this element, didn't consider that the mosaic needed to be reviewed, as they considered this as a replication of the City Seal and not an original work of art. In response, to the mural on the Cajun Kitchen, the Architectural Board of Review will follow up on this issue as it is on private property and is under their purview. The goal going forward is to work more closely with our liaisons to avoid these types of issues in the future.

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The committee received an update on the status of **Donald Davis' Crescent Crossing Bench** cleaning and repair. The bench will be roped off with caution tape and barriers until a temporary fence is approved and constructed around the site to allow the bench to be cleaned and damaged bricks to be replaced. This work will be done while additional improvements and permanent fencing is approved and installed in the planter area in front of the stairs to the parking garage. An estimate for repairs and a purchase order for the vendor to do the bench repair have been requested.

Ms. Brush provided an update on the 2014-15 grants process and confirmed review panel members for the Community Arts and Organizational Development Grants. Review panel dates and locations have all been confirmed.

The Committee received an update on collaborative efforts to explore establishment of a California Alliance for Arts Education chapter in the greater Santa Barbara area. Arts Commission staff has been working closely with the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation, Santa Barbara Education Foundation, the Incredible Children's Art Network (iCAN,), and The Arts Fund to organize a California Arts Education Alliance breakfast at the Bowl to rally support among key stakeholders for this idea. That event will be held Friday, May 9th at the Bowl.

C. Update on Funk Zone Community Engagement – Nathan Vonk

Judy Nilsen gave a report on Nathan Vonk's behalf. The 2nd Saturday events in the Funk Zone have been extremely successful. It will occur again this Saturday and the businesses are once again anticipating a good turnout.

The property purchased by Mesa Lane Partners will eventually include an artist village. Various groups are working on the development and are all very excited about the project, which will include a parking lot. The developers are now starting the process with the Architectural Board of Review (ABR).

The Funk Zone maps are well received by the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, Visit Santa Barbara and the visiting cruise ships. Judy gave kudos to Nathan for his contributions to the production and distribution of the maps.

D. Adjourn as City Arts Advisory

Nina Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the Arts Advisory meeting and Darian Blecher seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM.

4. VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

A. Staff Report- Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

1) **Channing Peake Gallery**

The current exhibition, *Inside/Outside: Santa Barbara Art Association*, had a busy April 1st Thursday with three artists in attendance doing demonstrations throughout the night including **Carol North Dixon**, a collage artist, **Sue Friedley**, a watercolorist who has taught for 20 years, and **Pat McGinnis** who demonstrated the lost wax process and the creation of small pieces for bronze casting. On May 1st Thursday, artist **Loree Gold**

creates beautiful photo montages using prints of her own creation; **Karen Luckett** is a weaver and creator of unique assemblages, and **Larry Iwerks** works in watercolor, oils. *Inside/Outside* features a wide variety of artist styles and media and celebrates their 60+ years of arts influence in the community. *May 1st* Thursday will be their last month of demonstrations.

2) **City Hall Gallery**

The City Hall Gallery 2014 exhibition, *Pursuit of Passion: Early Santa Barbara Women Artists* that opened on March 1st Thursday celebrates the unsung/unseen work of many women artists from the turn of the century to the early 1900s. Works include paintings, prints and sculptures and will be on view until February, 2015. Cindy Rehm, an LA artist, and the founder of a feminist arts collective, *Craftswoman House*, has listed *Pursuit of Passion* on their Facebook page and sent it out to her list of LA connections.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 3:30PM – 5:00PM at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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