



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

Thursday, May 15, 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, Marylove Thralls, Nathan Vonk

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Owen

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Judy Nilsen, Darian Bleecher, Teen Conlon, Phyllis de Picciotto, Jacqueline Dyson, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Martha Gray, Mary Heebner, Susan Keller

Liaisons Present: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Courtney Miller, ABR

Liaisons Absent: 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 3:30PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Doreen White – Representing a coalition of artists groups

B. Mary French

3. ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Approval of Minutes

Jacqueline Dyson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2014 Meeting. Darian Bleecher seconded the motion. Abstentions: Nathan Vonk, Teen Conlon, Mary Heebner. *Motion passed.*

B. Update on City Business License Policy – Bob Samario, Director City Finance Department & Genie Wilson, Treasury Manager & Breanda Craig, handles Business License Program.

Genie Wilson gave a presentation of an overview of the City's business license program and ordinance currently in place. She gave a background of the ordinance, talked about the role of Muni Services, discussed an amnesty program the City would like to offer, and answered some frequently asked questions.

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The City has contracted with Muni Services to perform Business License audits. Muni Services uses standard methods to identify all businesses not in compliance with the City Business Ordinance. According to the Ordinance, a business license is required when an artist holds a seller's permit; the artist has filed a Fictitious Name Statement (DBA); conducts business in the City, such as a storefront or home occupation, lives outside the City but sells art in Santa Barbara; or has created a website to sell art to Santa Barbara. City Staff is available for any questions. Ms. Wilson provided City Staff contact information for the public to call regarding any questions about the Business License Ordinance.

C. Director's Report – Ginny Brush

Ginny Brush provided updates and reported on the following:

Donald Davis' Crescent Crossing Bench cleaning and repair. A number of improvements have been made to the 600 Block of State Street area around the vicinity of the public art bench. The temporary caution tape has been removed by City Public Works and replaced with temporary fencing (installed on May 12th). This fencing will remain around the bench during the process of cleaning and replacing damaged bricks. Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator, secured an estimate for repairs with the vendor who did the original work and a Purchase Order for the work is in process with the City.

Donald Davis and all other stakeholders have been kept apprised of all the effort to improve the area. While this fencing is temporary it will remain in place until the final components of the area are complete, including installation of video cameras in the area and the fencing to be installed around the planter near the exit of the City Parking Garage. All stakeholders have recognized a significant improvement to the environment in that area.

The Committee received an update on collaborative efforts to explore establishment of a California Alliance for Arts Education chapter for 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 in that effort. The California Alliance for Arts Education event held Friday, May 9th at the Bowl was a great success. Approximately 80 key stakeholders attended to hear a presentation from the CAAE. With the impact of Local Control Funding Formula for school districts instituted by Governor Brown in play, this provides an excellent opportunity to make a case and advocate for establishing a plan that includes great Arts Education in school curriculum.

The City Cultural Arts and Community Events & Festivals grant cycle is well underway. An ad was placed in the Santa Barbara Independent announcing workshops and the June 9th grant deadline.

Three technical workshops have taken place with numerous first-time applicants. Lyn Semenza has made considerable improvements to streamline the grant application submittal and contracting process and added content to the website to help grantees navigate the process.

The Spring Cycle Community Arts Enrichment Grants (CAE) were due April 30th. The review panel made up of Arts Commissioners from the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Supervisorial District and Graham Farrar from the Bowl Education Outreach committee met on May 13th to review

the 19 grant applications submitted. Nine Applicants were awarded funding from the \$12,600 available in this grant Cycle. Grant recipient will be announced in the next 2 weeks.

Update on the Community Arts Workshop Space. A Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony will be held this Friday with the Mayor, City Council and Board of the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative and members of the CAW Task Force. A press release will be going out in the next week or so. An initial article appeared in yesterday's Noozhawk.

In the Category of "Previews of A Coming Attraction", next month's meeting will include an update on the Children's Museum of Santa Barbara by Sheila Cushman and a presentation from Mesa Lane Partners on the Funk Zone Artist Village.

D. Update on Funk Zone Community Engagement – Nathan Vonk

The Funk Zone Artists Village that the Mesa Lane Partners is working on is planned for the corner of Gray & Yanonali Streets. Space rental information and applications are now available on the Arts Collaborative website at www.sbarts collaborative.org. This is a temporary project while the developers work on a permanent use of area. The spaces are relatively inexpensive and units can be shared. Some spaces will be semi-retail which will face out to the sidewalks in order to give artists the opportunity to sell their work. Others who want a bit more privacy can rent the inner containers. The containers are approximately 10' X 40'.

E. Adjourn as City Arts Advisory

Nathan Vonk made a motion to adjourn the Arts Advisory meeting and Judy Nilsen seconded. The Arts Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:25 PM.

4. VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 4:25 PM.

A. Review of Douglas Lochner's "Wings of Honor" Santa Barbara Airport public art project signage – Douglas Lochner

The committee reviewed, bench, signage and compass rose elements of the Pierre Claeysen's Veterans Foundation for Approval.

Doug Lochner presented renderings of the compass rose, benches and signage. The compass rose was approved at a previous meeting and a modification is now being presented to include the Marine Corps emblem, Globe and Anchor, to represent the Marine base and air station that was once at the site of the Santa Barbara airport. The compass rose will be fabricated from bronze and stainless steel and will be inset, flush with the concrete. The benches will be made from sandstone with an arc that would complement the geometry of the wings. The wayfinding elements will be installed at the beginning of each walkway. There will be two side stones, 1½ ft. X 1½ ft. and a center stone that will be 1½ ft. X 3ft. The signage and wayfinding will be made from sandstone and bronze.

Compass Rose: Mary Heebner made a motion to approve the compass rose as presented, to include the Marine Corps emblem, Globe & Anchor. Jacqueline Dyson seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*

Benches: Jacqueline Dyson made a motion to approve the sandstone benches as presented. Teen Conlon seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*

Signage and Wayfinding; Jacqueline Dyson made a motion to approve the concept, materials and placement of the signage and wayfinding as presented, with the content detail to be reviewed and determined at a later meeting. Mary Heebner seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*

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

1) Channing Peake Gallery

The current exhibition, *Inside/Outside:* Santa Barbara Art Association, had an active *May 1st Thursday* with three artists in attendance doing demonstrations throughout the night. Artist Loree Gold demonstrated her photo montages; Karen Luckett is a weaver who made baskets of woven kelp and Larry Iwerks not only demonstrated his watercolor technique but played guitar as well.

Inside/Outside will deinstall on Friday, May 23rd and the gallery will prepare for the June 1st Thursday reception for the exhibition of the Berkus Collection, *WWBD? What Would Barry Do?* featuring responses from young artists to the Berkus Collection. Ms. Ferri invited all to put June 1st Thursday on their calendars from 5-8pm, to honor Barry's legacy and welcome all the *WWBD?* artists. In addition, DJ Darla Bea will be providing music to enliven the space.

2) City Hall Gallery

The City Hall Gallery 2014 exhibition, *Passionate Pursuits: Early Santa Barbara Women Artists* continues to celebrate the work of many women artists from the turn of the century to the early 1900s

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 3:30PM – 5:00PM at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room, 630 Garden Street.

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