



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

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 20, 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, Marylove Thralls, Nathan Vonk

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Nina Dunbar, Elizabeth Owen, VACANCY

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Judy Nilsen, Darian Bleecher, Jaqueline Dyson, Martha Gray

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

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Courtney Miller, Architectural Board of Review (ABR), Judith Cook, Parks & Recreation; Barry Winick, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)

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

Arts Advisory Chair, Robert Adams, called the meeting to order at 3:35pm and Roll Call was taken. There were no changes to the Agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Subject: Approval of Minutes**

ACTION: Darian Bleecher made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting. Nathan Vonk seconded. Jacqueline Dyson Abstained. *Motion Passed.*

ARTS ADVISORY ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. **Subject: Review of “Yes We Can” proposed graphic images and color palette for temporary art installation on designated trash receptacles along Milpas Street – Sharon Byrne, Milpas Community Association.**

The committee received a presentation on the “Yes We Can” temporary public art project from Sharon Byrne, Milpas Community Association and Devon Espejo, Adalante Charter School, which included proposed colors and graphics as well as suggested guidelines for subject matter and graphics. Each banner will include youth artist’s first name and last initial, program name and the words, “Sponsored by Milpas Community Association.”

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The committee discussed the following guidelines:

- A common colored background or banding that would make all the cans uniform (bright yellow or bright green)
- No inclusion of commercial logos
- No copyrighted material
- Enlarged print so it is legible from the street
- Consider visuals images in thirds or with 3 defined areas to allow for image recognition from a variety of vantage points.

Nathan Vonk made a motion to approve the submitted artwork for reproduction onto banners using the discussed guidelines. Darian Bleecher seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*

B. Subject: Selection of members for service on 2015 City Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Search Committee

The committee received a brief update from Staff on the City Poet Laureate Guidelines and a Poet Laureate Search committee was selected to include at least two City Arts Advisory members, assisted by members of the Visual Art in Public Places Committee, an at-large member from the literary community, the Arts Advisory Council Liaison; and a member of staff serving in an advisory role. A Chair of the ad hoc committee was selected, with the search process for the next City's Poet Laureate scheduled to begin in January of 2015. The new Poet Laureate's term will begin April 1, 2015.

The following Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee members will serve on the 2015 City Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Search Committee:

Marylove Thralls, Chair
Jaqueline Dyson
Darian Bleecher

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Subject: Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brush began her report with an update on the status of City Arts Advisory, and Events & Festivals Grant Committee vacancies. There were 2 applicants for each of the 2 vacancies and all council interviews have been completed. The Council should be voting to make appointments in December and we should information on the appointees before the end of the year. We will start 2015 will all appointments filled.

Members of City Arts Advisory and the Visual Art in Public Places (VAPP) committees were encouraged by staff to attend the Arts Commission's Annual Leadership in the Art Awards reception in the Channing Peake Gallery on December 4th from 5-8pm. Remarks and the presentation of the 2014 Leadership in the Art Award to the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation will take place beginning at 6pm.

Ms. Brush updated the Committee on the issue of the need for a more defined process and guidelines for the review of temporary art in public and private spaces. During the "Gatorboy" mural appeal at Council, Councilmembers indicated that they were looking for guidance on how temporary art proposals are reviewed and approved since they are not included in the current Public Art review guidelines for Historic Landmarks Committee (HLC) and the Architectural Board of Review (ABR). Ms. Brush and Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator met with Jaime Limon, Senior Planner, Community Development Department, Planning Division to discuss. Mr. Limon has drafted some preliminary proposed amendments to El Pueblo Viejo (EPV) & Architectural Board of Review Guidelines to address this issue for which Arts Commission staff provided some initial input. Staff will keep the committee informed on this issue.

ADJOURNMENT – The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:20PM.

Visual Art in Public Places Chair, Judy Nilsen, called the meeting to order at 4:20PM and Roll Call was taken.

VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Subject: Hear an update from Youth Interactive on the temporary mural location at 22 Anacapa Street

The committee received an update from Nathalie Gensac, Executive Director of Youth Interactive, on the temporary mural “Santa Barbara 3.0” currently located on the side wall of Municipal Winery. There is a possibility that the building will come down and the mural will need to be relocated. The Committee suggested contacting several companies and developers in the Funk Zone including MichaelKate Interiors and the developers of the La Entrada for relocation opportunities.

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**Subject: Report from Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections
Near and Far: Plein Air in County Parks**

This current exhibition is a collaboration between SCAPE (Southern California Painting for the Environment) and the County Arts Commission and benefits the County Parks Foundation. *Near and Far* opened on October 27th with works chosen by nationally known plein air artist and teacher David Gallup and featured a 1st Thursday reception on November 6th, from 5-8pm. Janet Wolf, 2nd District Supervisor, announced the several awards chosen by the juror, and Renee Bahl, Assistant CEO and Interim Community services Director announced the Percent for Art Purchase Awards of three paintings for the newly-remodeled Community Services Department offices. 40 % of all the purchases will go to the County Parks Foundation and 9 paintings sold that night. For February 1st Thursday we are planning a poetry evening with Chrissy Yost, our City Poet Laureate and other invited Santa Barbara poets. The Plein Air exhibition travels to Santa Maria in 2015.

Public Defender Building – Percent for Art Project

The Landing of Cabrillo Tapestry Project, based on the 1924 painting by Daniel Sayre Groesbeck, now owned by the County of Santa Barbara, now resides in the Public Defender’s Building Lobby of the county Courthouse. In attendance during our reception on October 29th was Renee Bahl, Assistant CEO and Interim Community Services Director; Matthew Pontes, Executive Director of General Services; Public Defenders, Rai Montes de Oca and Richard Stocker; Robert Ooley, County Architect; Rodney Baker from the Courthouse Legacy Foundation, Docent Council; County Arts Commission committee members and City Arts Advisory member Jacqueline Dyson. This historic painting duplicated as a large-scale tapestry has helped to mitigate sound in the lobby.

John Nava, gave an informative talk about the history of Belgium tapestries and how he learned the technology through working on his own commission at the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in LA. He continues to help other Santa Barbara area artists and has established a working relationship with a tapestry manufacturer in Belgium.

5 Points Shopping Center – Public Art

The Arts Commission has had a preliminary discussion about a potential public art project at the newly remodeled shopping center. We hope to have a presentation from the Mall owners and their team at the January Arts Advisory meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Visual Art in Public places (VAPP) meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.

NEXT MEETING:

The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be January 15, 2015 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room. There will be no meeting of the City Arts Advisory and Visual Art in Public Places (VAPP) Committees in December.

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