



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 20, 2016

3:30 – 5:00 PM

David Gebhard Meeting Room

630 Garden St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

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Arts Advisory Committee Present: Robert Adams, Chair, William Smithers, Marylove Thralls
Margie Yahyavi

Arts Advisory Committee Absent: Nina Dunbar, Elizabeth Owen, Nathan Vonk

Staff Present

SB County Arts & Culture Staff: Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director, Maiza Hixson, Chief Curator, Hannah Rubalcava, Grants & Contracts Manager

Staff Absent:

City of Santa Barbara Staff

Nina Johnson, Asst. to the City Administrator

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council, Courtney Miller, ABR, Michael Drury, HLC

CALL TO ORDER 3:30 PM

ROLL CALL

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

Recommendation: That the Committee waive further reading and approve minutes from the regular meeting of September 15, 2016. M/S/C Smithers, Thralls. *Motion carries.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Youth Interactive Murals

Chair R. Adams shared about the opening event for the Youth Interactive Postcard Mural program. Mayor Schneider spoke, along with S. Rubin and M. Hixson. About 60 people attended the reception and unveiling. There was a great showing to rally support for the arts and the Community Arts Workshop.

2. SUBJECT: Discussion of the Arts Symposium

Topic of the Symposium is about funding needs for local artists and arts organizations. The Symposium will be held November 2, 2016 at the New Vic Theater from 9 AM-5 PM.

3. **SUBJECT:** Jardin de las Granadas
M. Hixson reported that Santa Barbara Beautiful awarded the SB County Office of Arts and Culture \$7500 for sculpture in Jardin de las Granadas. Kim Cochran and Johnathan Smith will be creating concrete and steel sculpture called "1925" based on the 1925 Earthquake that will be on display for a year and a half.
4. **SUBJECT:** Grant Process and Feedback
H. Rubalcava led a discussion and invited Committee members to share feedback regarding their experience as City Arts Grant Panelists via email before the next Arts Advisory meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Grants & Programs Manager- H. Rubalcava

Grant budget revisions were due on October 14, 2016. 25 out of 60 have been returned.

Chief Curator- M. Hixson Jardin de las Granadas

M. Hixson announced that Santa Barbara Beautiful has offered funding for a project Jonathan Smith and Kym Cochran have proposed for Jardin de las Granadas. This new artwork entitled 1925, consists of four steel and concrete sculptures to be custom-created for the sculptural bases at Jardin de las Granadas. The artwork references the devastating earthquake that destroyed 85% of downtown Santa Barbara. While rebuilding the downtown area, the community made the decision to adopt the architectural aesthetic of the Spanish Colonial Revival Style. Smith and Cochran address the legacy of monuments and memory of a pivotal earthquake that changed the face of Santa Barbara. With whole forms that crumble into broken parts, 1925 acknowledges our present culture's symbols and tenuous icons. These four sculptural objects present us with a compelling forgery that queries what history reveals and conceals.

Angelina LaPointe's Kickstarter Campaign for 2016 Calendar of California Flora and Fauna was successful and her calendars will be on sale as part of her City Hall exhibition entitled Rockabilly to Redwoods: The Prints of Angelina La Pointe, opening 1st Thursday in December and closing on July 28.

Joe Girandola's exhibition entitled Duct Tape Dreams opened in Channing Peake Gallery opened last 1st Thursday and will continue through January 20.

The Office of Arts and Culture received a Structural Analysis and detailed proposal of the Take Part/Make Art Pavilion Structure proposed by the Museum of Contemporary Art for City Parks. Hixson and S. Rubin met with Jill Zachary of Parks and Recreation to ask for their feedback on gaining permits and access to parks. Parks and Rec really enjoyed learning about Take Part/Make Art and were interested in the project as it dovetails with their goals to engage communities around the city parks they supervise.

The MCA will complete the City's special event permit for the three city locations. Once the MCA has completed it, the OAC will arrange a meeting with Jill Zachary and her team. Jill said that pending submission of the event permit this or next month, the project could optimistically commence in January.

Having reviewed the proposal, Parks and Rec suggested Eastside Neighborhood Park as well as Plaza Vera Cruz as ideal locations for the pavilion.

Future Exhibition for City Hall-Councilmember Frank Hodgkiss has a private collection that he would be willing to exhibit in City Hall Gallery. The Collection features figurative and landscape paintings from a number of local artists.

Executive Director- S. Rubin

Crescent Crossing rededication was a success. S. Rubin thanked all that attended that event. S. Rubin reviewed the organizational structure of the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture.

NEW ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Crowd funding for arts recommended by W. Smithers.

Can the Office of Arts and Culture receive donations on behalf of arts organizations?

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Thursday, November 17, from 3:30-5:00pm in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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