

**City Arts Advisory Committee  
and  
Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 18, 2009  
Gebhard Public Meeting Room  
630 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

**Arts Advisory Committee**

**Members Present:** Judy Nilsen, Darian Bleecher, Gail Pine, Michael Humphrey, Tom Morey, Suzanne Fairly-Green,

**Members Absent:** Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair

**Visual Art in Public Places Committee**

**Members Present:** Judy Nilsen, Chair, Jacqueline Dyson, Darian Bleecher, Martha Gray, Susan Keller, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Mary Heebner, Teen Conlon,

**Members Absent:** Phyllis de Picciotto,

**Liaisons Present:** Susette Naylor, HLC;

**Liaisons Absent:** Judith Cook, Parks and Recreation Department, James Blakely, ABR, Helene Schneider, City Council

**Staff:** Ginny Brush, Executive Director (**absent**); Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator /Curator of Collections; Linda Gardy, Business Specialist II; Lucy O'Brien, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Suzanne Fairly-Green, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and called the roll.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT -** David Pritchett, City Council candidate and Chair of the Transportation Committee introduced himself to the committee.
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
  - A. The Minutes of May 21, 2009 were approved as presented. Nilsen/Bleecher.
  - B. Director's Report - given by Rita Ferri
    1. The Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative held its first meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum with more than eighty artists and three City Council members among the attendees.
    2. The City Community Arts and Organizational Development Grants are now being distributed to the review committees. The grant panel recommendations will be presented at the July 16, 2009 City Arts Advisory committee meeting for approval. The grant panels will meet as follows:  
Organizational Development: June 25 at the Granada Garage 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, and June 26 at the Pico Adobe at 9:00 am both days.

Community Arts: Wednesday, July 1 at the Granada Garage 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room from 8:30am –4:30pm.

3. Ventura Public Art Tour - Ginny Brush is coordinating a tour of the Ventura Public Art collection Denise Sindelar Public Art Administrator for the City of Ventura with the possible date of July 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. The 2009/10 proposed Arts Commission budget was not changed beyond the 8.4% reduction from the City. The California Arts Council has awarded \$15,000 in State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant funds, plus another \$3,000 for technical support pending approval of the State Budget. Funds for tech support will help offset the cost of the recent expanded redesigned website.
5. Americans for the Arts National Conference will be held in Seattle. The focus this year is “Art in Sustainable Communities.”

Nominations for Business in Art Award for the City Arts Award will be voted on at July meeting, members were asked to come to that meeting with nominations. Gail Pine suggested the Book Den for Business in Arts award.

**4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE (VAPP).** Judy Nilsen, Chair, called the VAPP meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

**A. Airport Expansion:** The Memorandum of Understanding is near completion. Once approved and signed the Channing Peake Fiesta Murals will move from the current County Parks facility to airport property for renovations and storage until it can be installed.

**B. Visual Art Coordinator/Curator of Collections Staff Report - Rita Ferry.**

1. Store Front Gallery is working with curator, Brett Leigh Dicks, for historical photos and text in the storefronts along State Street in the Cultural Arts District and farther south to Old Town.
2. Channing Peake Gallery report: The Berkus Collection exhibition is deinstalling at the end of the month. The next exhibition *The Magical and Curious Realms of Ralph Auf der Heide, 1915–2008* will be installed prior to July 2, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday gallery reception. The exhibition includes limericks by Lisl Auf der Heide, wife of the artist. Auf der Heide was a self-taught folk artist who lived in Goleta. A Limerick Slam led by City Poet Laureate David Starkey is scheduled for September 3 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 6:00 pm in the County Planning Commission Hearing Room.
3. City Hall Gallery: The vintage Solstice posters are installed in the gallery and the exhibition opened on June 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. The exhibition will remain up through November 2009.
4. Update on restoration of Herbert Bayer’s Chromatic Gate – [Tabled.]

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Mary Heebner announced that artist Tom Huston passed away and discussed his work and the loss to the arts community.
2. Rita Ferri announced that Anne Edge, Skip Cole's son, and David Trowbridge all members of the arts community had also passed away.
3. Judy Nilsen distributed announcements for the Art From Scrap exhibition July 25, from 5-8pm.
4. Summer Solstice is holding a "Bread from Bread" fundraising event.
5. Martha Gray announced that July 6<sup>th</sup> kicks off Architectural Appreciation Week, with numerous events and home tours scheduled.

**6. NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. The next meeting is Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 3:30 pm in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.