



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City Arts Advisory Committee and Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 18, 2010 David Gebhard Public Meeting Room 630 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee

Members Present: Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice-Chair; Michael Humphrey; Judy Nilsen; Roman Baratiak

Members Absent: Darian Blecher

Visual Art in Public Places Committee

Members Present: Judy Nilsen, Chair; Jacqueline Dyson; Martha Gray; Teen Conlon; Suzanne Fairly-Green; Phyllis de Picciotto; Susan Keller

Members Absent: Darian Blecher; Mary Heebner

Liaisons Present: Susette Naylor, HLC; Frank Hotchkiss, City Council Liaison

Liaisons Absent: Judith Cook, Parks and Recreation Department; Paul R. Zink, ABR

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Phyllis de Picciotto called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and called the roll.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** None
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes** – January 21, 2010. The minutes of January 21, 2010 were approved with a correction on page 4, section B to state Rita Ferri delivered the report on the Airport Expansion. Nilsen/Fairly-Green. Phyllis de Picciotto introduced Frank Hotchkiss as new City Council Liaison to the Arts Advisory Committee.
 - B. **Director's Report** – Ginny Brush reported she met with City Council Liaison, Frank Hotchkiss to acquaint him with the work of City Arts Advisory and VAPP and proposed providing him with information and Arts Commission updates through copies of the P-3 Performance Measures reports.
 1. **The Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative (SBAC)** sponsored the first Technical Assistance workshop lead by Nathan Vonk on February 3, 2010 at Samy's Camera. The goal was to provide web marketing and technical assistance to artists with their on-line Direct-to-Artists grant applications that are due February 28, 2010. Fifteen individuals took advantage of the workshop. The Steering Committee of SBAC meets February 25, 2010 to discuss the peer review process for the on-line grants.

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Recipients will be announced at the Arts Commission's Annual Arts Symposium on April 16, 2010. SBAC outreach, fund-generating committees continue to meet. www.sbarts collaborative.org

2. **Draft of Public Art and Culture Master Plan** – Using funds provided through a grant from Santa Barbara Beautiful a draft of the Arts and Culture Master Plan has been created and is circulating through the Arts Community for general feedback and input. A process and a map have been generated for the inventory and cataloging of Public Art and in the City. It is now ready for review and greater development by an Ad Hoc Committee of City Arts Advisory and VAPP to include chairs of each of the Committees.
 3. **Brown Bag Arts Lunch - March 17** – The next working arts lunch will be held in the 4th Floor County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room from noon to 1:30 on March 17, 2010. This is an opportunity to expand collaborative efforts and pool resources. Space is limited so reservations are suggested.
 4. **Annual Arts Symposium – April 16** – The winners of the SB Arts Collaborative Direct-to-Artists grants for the 4 categories: Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Film and New Media will be announced and discussions of sustainable funding models and collaboration will continue.
 5. **City Budget** process has a request a 12% cut for City Arts Grants and promotion. This cut expands on the 8.4% cut previously made in 2009/10. To date, there are no recommended cuts to staff positions which are funded in part from other funding sources.
- C. **Electronic Delivery of Agendas and Minutes** – Ginny Brush recommended a resource saving idea to send minutes and agendas to the committee electronically. The committee suggested methods to insure all members would be able to access the files and open them. A motion carried to deliver minutes and agendas electronically beginning with the March meeting. Baratiak/Nilsen.
- D. **Formation of an Arts & Cultural Master Plan Ad Hoc committee- Phyllis de Picciotto – Chair.** Ginny Brush discussed the purpose and role of City Arts Advisory Members and VAPP members in reviewing the current draft and developing an Arts and Cultural Master Plan document and encouraged members to serve on the ad hoc committee. The plan is to have the review completed and a draft brought to the committee for approval in a couple months for recommended inclusion in You Plan Santa Barbara. A motion was made to create an ad hoc committee to review and develop the Arts And Cultural Master Plan. Nilsen/Fairly-Green. Suzanne Fairly-Green, Judy Nilsen, Phyllis de Picciotto, Susan Keller, and Michael Humphrey volunteered to serve on the committee. The ad hoc committee will initially meet February 23 at 12:30 pm. The location is to be determined. The existing draft document will be distributed to members prior to the meeting to serve as a starting point for discussion or issues and content.
4. **VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE (VAPP).** Judy Nilsen called the VAPP meeting to order at 4:08 pm.
- A. **Update on the City Airport.** Rita Ferri reported the deadline for art proposals for the Airport project is today at 4:00 pm.

B. Completion of Syuxtun Story Circle Public Art Project. The Syuxtun project is complete now that the final maintenance report has been submitted, approved and filed the design team will be receiving their final payment. Staff developed a new maintenance report document to be used as a template for all future public art projects.

C. Staff Report

1. **Update on SBMA storefront** – The SB Museum of Art expressed disappointment with the guidelines for the Storefront Gallery and elected to withdraw their proposal to show in the gallery.
2. **Report on Cottage Health System January 30th public art meetings-** Two informational public meeting were held at Burtness Auditorium at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital to review the large public response. *Aesthetics Inc.* will be reviewing all submissions. At the meeting, Phyllis de Picciotto expressed the importance of including arts curators on the current selection committee. Ginny Brush wrote a formal letter to Cottage Health System’s Development Director encouraging the inclusion of regional public art agency curatorial staff be included on the review panel to serve as a resource.
3. **Exhibition updates- Design Matters – The 2009 AIA Awards** exhibition opened on February 4, 2010 at the Channing Peake Gallery. On March 4 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm several architects will discuss their projects. Many artists exhibiting at the Faulkner came to the unveiling of the Ray Strong mural, *Force Gone Wild*, displayed near the entrance to the Planning Commission Hearing Room. An exhibition focusing on the significant Women in Santa Barbara is planned for a future exhibition in the City Hall Gallery. Staff is partnering with the Santa Barbara Historical Museum and looking for a guest curator and ways to engage the community in the process.
4. **Jardin de las Granadas-** There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for exhibition of sculptures by Ken Bortolazzo at the February 1st Thursday. RFP for artists to submit for the next exhibition. Installation costs were paid for by Sullivan Goss-An American Gallery. The current exhibition is scheduled to run through the end of March 2010. An Request for Proposals (RFP) is ready for future exhibition, pending approval by the RDA. The selection process will follow the model of the *State of the Art Gallery*.
5. **Herbert Bayer’s Chromatic Gate** – David Black and Robert Adams did some research regarding painting and restoration of the sculpture, but there is no news to report at this time.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS–

- A. Phyllis de Picciotto announced free movies from the Film Festival at the Riviera Theatre this weekend as a gift to the community for supporting the festival.

- B.** Susan Keller announced SB Revels will host the 3rd anniversary Annual Equinox Sing on Monday, March 15, from 6-8 pm at Dargans.
 - C.** Ginny Brush announced that April is Poetry Month. A proclamation reading is slated for March 30th for Poetry Month. On 1st Thursday in March, a Poetry A-Go-Go with roaming poets will take place. This year's County *Poetry Out Loud* competition is being televised on SBCounty TV 20.
 - D.** Roman Baratiak asked whether the SBIFF is a line item in the City budget; and whether grant recipients demonstrate the economic effect their event(s) have on the economy? Phyllis de Picciotto stated that historically there was a survey done each year and the committee recommended publishing results of any surveys.
- 6.** NEXT MEETING- The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm. The March meeting will be held in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room at 3:30 pm on March 18, 2010.