



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

City Arts Advisory Committee and Visual Arts in Public Places (VAPP) Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2011

3:30 -5:00pm

David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:

Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Robert Adams; Roman Baratiak, Darian Blecher

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice-Chair; Michael Humphrey, Judy Nilsen

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Present:

Darian Blecher, Phyllis de Picciotto, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray,
Susan Keller

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Absent:

Judy Nilsen, Chair; Teen Conlon, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Mary Heebner

Liaisons Absent:

Frank Hotchkiss (City Council); Susette Naylor, (HLC); Paul Zink, (ABR);
Judith Cook (Parks & Recreation)

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director

Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Linda Gardy, Business Specialist II

Lucy O'Brien, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL-** Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm and called the roll.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT –** Robert Adams reminded the committee that it is time for committee members to consider nominations for the Business in the Arts Award from the Art Advisory Committee. It is important to have nominations for the June meeting and a decision made at the July meeting so there is ample time to notify the winner and identify an artist to create the award.
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE-** Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair
 - A. **Approval of Minutes –** April 21, 2011 – The minutes were approved as presented. Baratiak /Blecher.
 - B. **Director's Report- Ginny Brush -**
 1. There have been two technical support grants workshops held already, and all grant materials are available online. Only new applicants needed to attend the workshops. The dates and timeline for panels were confirmed: Organization Development Committee meets June 23 from 9-4:30 in the Human Resources building, 1226 Anacapa Street, 2nd floor. Community Arts Committee meets June 30 from 8:30 – 4:30 in the Channing Peake Room 102. Recommendation summaries are due July 15 to be ready for approval by Arts Advisory at the July 21 meeting.

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2. Americans for the Arts *Arts & Economic Prosperity 4* study is now in the 2nd quarter of this project. Outreach for organization participation continues. CAMA collected surveys from the Gustavo Dudamel LA Philharmonic event at the Granada. Solvang is participating and will poll selected upcoming events and Danish Days.
3. Staff completed the California Arts Council (CAC) State and Local Partnership Program Grant application on May 3rd. This is the first year the CAC in collaboration with WESTAF, Western States Arts Federation, had the grant completion and submittal process all online. Part of the SLPP grant requirements is completion of the California Cultural Data Project. The California Arts Council Annual conference will be held in conjunction with the Americans for the Arts National Conference in San Diego on June 15-19th. Arts Commission Staff will be attending.

The California Cultural Data Project Funder Report compared the Arts Commission's 2009 budget to 2010 budget. Some trends revealed in the report included:

- Number of volunteer hours was up by 21% but FTE (Interns were down by 68%).
 - Free Workshops/Activities in the public galleries was up by 200%, mostly associated with *1st Thursday*.
 - Attendance at free events was up by 12%
 - Program expenses were down by 36% (mainly due to activity of the State of the Art Gallery, SOAG which did not happen in 2010).
 - Expenses were down by 24%
 - Contributions were down by 19% (SOAG)
4. **City Budget** - Staff attended the Community Development/Housing Department City budget hearing process on May 2. The two year budget projects status quo funding for arts programming and grants. Sales Tax and Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) are up and expected to continue to improve. Funding for the arts is approximately down by 20% for the past 2 years.
 5. **Update on SB Center for Art, Science and Technology** -SBCAST received conceptual approval at the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) on May 16th. This is the project that allows for seven live-work spaces and collaborative/incubator/innovative shop area along the Garden Street corridor. The project is two blocks from the proposed Community Arts Workshop space and one block from Art From Scrap.
 6. **SB Arts Collaborative received a \$5,000 Express Grant** from the Santa Barbara Foundation to establish a pilot program for "Enterprise Grants" for area artists in Film & New Media, Literary, Performing and Visual Arts. The Arts Collaborative will be rolling the program out in the next two months.

- C. Grants Review Committees confirmed for 2011-12 - Phyllis de Picciotto**
Community Arts: Robert Adams, Roman Baratiak, and Darian Blecher.
Organizational Development: Suzanne Fairly-Green, Michael Humphrey, Phyllis de Picciotto, and Judy Nilsen will be an alternate.

4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE- Rita Ferri

A. Arts Collaborative/Art in the Mayor's Office - No report Given.

B. Airport Expansion Project- Rita Ferri

The Santa Barbara Airport is poised to install all the commissioned art elements: Vidya Gauchi and her team are painting the beams in the terminal from very high scaffolding; the mosaic medallion is being installed by Lori Ann David; the iron kelp railing by Colleen Kelly is being painted and will be installed shortly; Monday morning the Channing Peake mural is being brought to the terminal, photographed and installed. After the mural is in place; South Coast Fine Art Conservators will glue the attachments and do the inpainting to finish off the edges. The airport Gala "The Art of Travel" is planned for June 17th, with a public opening scheduled for June 19th. The goal of the gala is to celebrate the inclusion of art elements in the airport and to establish a rotating public art exhibition program at the airport. Twenty-five dollars of every ticket purchased goes to the Public Art program for the airport.

C. Staff Report

1. Update on Restoration of Chromatic Gate

The Arts Commission received a \$500.00 donation from Carol Kenyon, a member of the original Bayer committee. There has been no progress on donations from Barry Berkus' solicitations. Councilperson Bendy White has expressed an interest in gathering donations from waterfront hotels and restaurants.

2. Historic Cultural Arts District exhibition updates

- The exhibition *Channing Peake: Mural Studies* will continue at the City Hall Gallery until January 2012; the exhibition is an expansion of the debut of the *Fiesta Mural* at the Santa Barbara Airport.
- The exhibition, *Santa Barbara Art Roots: Celebrating 60 Years*, an exhibition by the Santa Barbara Art Association at the Channing Peake Gallery continues. The SBAA May 1st Thursday event consisted of two workshops, and a video presentation in the Hearing Room off of the Peake Gallery. They will create a similar program for June 2nd.
- **Paseo Nuevo Deaccessioning of the Tile Amphitheater**
There is no update on the schedule of the removal of the Amphitheater. The project is stalled at this point due to the permit process.

3. Update on Haley/de la Vina Bridge Project with David Black and Tom Stanley

The ribbon cutting took place on Thursday, April 28, at 10 am, for the completion of the Haley De la Vina Bridge Project. Politicians and construction teams gathered. David Black and artist Tom Stanley, who created designs which were stamped into the concrete attended and they also worked together with the SBMA afterschool and created tiles which were incorporated into the bridge. I suggest if you want to see the artwork; park your car and walk. When you driving by, you will be driving over much of it and it really necessitates a closer look.

4. Santa Barbara Junior High Mural

The Arts Commission requested and received a \$5,000 donation from the Pearl Chase Society Board of Directors for the restoration of the Douglas Parshall Santa Barbara Junior High Mural which had suffered some water damage over the years. Restoration will take place late summer or early Fall.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Jacqueline Dyson commented on the May Day Revels performance at the Natural History Museum and praised the performance group.
- B. Susan Keller announced Revels will receive an Indie Award for theatrical performance. The next Revels event will be in the fall for Octoberfest and invited all members to attend their events.
- C. Robert Adams reminded the group of the Children's Creative Project's I Madonnari Festival on Memorial Day Weekend.

6. NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm. The next meeting will be June 9, 2011 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm at the Granada Garage 2nd Floor Conference Room.