



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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

Thursday, July 21, 3:30 -5:00pm
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:

Robert Adams, Roman Baratiak, Darian Bleacher, Judy Nilsen

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice-Chair; Michael Humphrey

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Present:

Judy Nilsen, Chair; Darian Bleacher, Teen Conlon, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray, Mary Heebner

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Absent: Suzanne Fairly-Green, Phyllis de Picciotto, Susan Keller

Liaisons Present:

Frank Hotchkiss (City Council)

Liaisons Absent: Susette Naylor, (HLC); Paul Zink, (ABR); Judith Cook (Parks & Recreation)

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director

Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Leslee Sipress, Recording Secretary (New Replacement)

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** - The meeting was called to order by Ginny Brush, Acting Chair at 3:37 PM and roll was called.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Ginny Brush, Acting Chair

A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2011 were approved after Quorum was attained (M/S/C: Adams/Nilsen)

B. Director's Report - Ginny Brush

The Committee heard updates on:

1. California Arts Council (CAC) - Ms. Brush participated in the Annual CAC State Conference and Americans for the Arts National Conference in San Diego. Craig Watson has been selected by CAC as the new director and will be taking the helm at the end of the month. Of note, there was a new amendment in place for the director's appointment to be made by the CAC. Previously, the Arts Council Director was appointed by the Governor. Also discussed at the Conference was a plan to put into place an Artist Disaster Response Support System through a National Network. More information to come.
2. Arts Collaborative/CAW Task Force SB Foundation Grant Application – Ms. Brush gave a brief update on the Governor's attempt to take the funds from Redevelopment Agencies and how that may affect the CAW. She also mentioned that the Arts Collaborative has been approved to apply for a SB

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Foundation Strategic Grant for \$50,000 to develop community support and fundraising for the CAW.

3. Americans for the Arts *Arts & Economic Prosperity AEP 4* study – Ms. Brush stressed the importance of getting the surveys completed from Arts and Cultural organizations doing events throughout Santa Barbara County (surveys are available online at www.sbartscommission.org). There are two more opportunities to submit these in September and December. Results will be available by Americans for the Arts in Spring of 2012.
4. Milpas/Cacique Bridge Public Art component - Elements for this area are now in discussion, including the proposed areas of consideration for public art and the time frame for execution. Background information and details will be included on the agenda for the September meeting.
5. Ms. Brush ended with emphasizing the importance of letting staff know if members are going to be absent from the meetings and to please be on time.

C. 2011-12 Grant Committee Recommendations -Ginny Brush

The Grant Committee recommendations were presented for the Community Arts and Organizational Development Grants for review and approval. Ms. Brush gave an explanation of the process of approvals, leading finally to the City Council approval of Santa Barbara distribution of grant funding to the various organizations. Ms. Brush pointed out that a significant number of organizations applied this year, due in large part to the economic downturn, which made the decision process challenging. Recommendations as presented were passed unanimously (M/S/C: Nilsen/Adams).

A request was made by Mr. Baratiak that the funding history of amounts requested by Grant Organizations be listed at the bottom of the Grant request form for the basis of comparison over the years.

D. Nominations for City Arts Advisory 2011 Business in Art Award

The winner of the 2011 City Arts Advisory Annual Award for Business in Art (given out since 2005) was decided by a straw vote and awarded to Gary Atkins Sound Design. Award will be presented at the Santa Barbara Beautiful Annual Awards Ceremony, September 25th event (*M/S/C: Baratiak/Nilsen*).

4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE- Ginny Brush, acting chair, called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

A. Update on the Airport Expansion Project- Rita Ferri

Ms. Ferri reported that the public art elements at the Santa Barbara Airport are almost complete with a few adjustments needed to the 19'6" mosaic medallion by Lori Ann David to correct unevenness in the floor surface in several areas. Also, Vidya Gauci is finishing painting the beams on the second floor departure area; and Colleen M. Kelly's iron kelp railing still remains to be painted. The area in front and to the side of the Channing Peake Fiesta mural will be further modified to protect exposed areas from passers-by with Plexiglas.

The Pierre Claeysen's Foundation RFP for a Marine Memorial is currently on hold as the artist, Douglas Lochner completes other projects. Projected installation will be the end of 2012.

Ms. Ferri also reported that the June 17th Airport Gala was a stunning success and earned \$17,225 for the rotating regional fine art program at the Airport Terminal.

B. Staff Report- Rita Ferri

Historic Cultural Arts District exhibition updates –

1. **The Herbert Bayer Chromatic Gate** – Staff has updated the original Bayer sculpture brochure with contact information concerning the restoration; and will do a full-color reprint of 100 copies to be circulated as part of continuing efforts to secure donors for the project.
2. **Channing Peake Gallery** – The exhibition, *Santa Barbara Art Roots: Celebrating 60 Years* by the S.B. Arts Association, will continue through August 19th. Ms. Ferri noted that over 200 people attended the two 1st *Thursday* workshops and visual presentation related to the exhibition.
3. **Douglas Parshall Mural at SB Junior High School** – \$5,000 funding has been secured from the Pearl Chase Society for the restoration of the Parshall mural. South Coast Fine Art Restoration has tentatively scheduled work to begin in August 2011.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Rita Ferri reported for Robert Adams that Mr. Adams attended the Library Plaza Project and he and Suzanne Fairly-Green put forth the idea of a “Poets Corner”, which was well received.
- B. There will be no meeting in August.

5. NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm. The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2011 at 3:30 - 5:00 pm at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.