



Arts Advisory

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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

Thursday, March 15, 2012 • 3:30 - 5:00 pm

David Gebhard Meeting Room

630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:

Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice-Chair; Robert Adams, Roman Baratiak, Carol Taylor, Nathan Vonk

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Phyllis de Picciotto, Chair; Darian Blecher

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Present:

Judy Nilsen, Chair; Suzanne Fairly-Green, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray, Mary Heebner

Visual Art in Public Places Committee Members Absent:

Darian Blecher, Teen Conlon, Phyllis de Picciotto, Susan Keller

Liaisons Present:

None.

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss (City Council); Paul Zink (ABR); Barry Winick (HLC);

Judith Cook (Parks & Recreation)

Staff: Ginny Brush, Executive Director

Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Linda Gardy, Business Specialist II

Leslee Sipress, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice Chair at 3:35 PM. Roll Call followed Public Comment.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ken Loch spoke of art and genius and his website resource.
3. **ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Suzanne Fairly-Green, Vice Chair

A. Approval of Minutes – Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2012 was approved as submitted (M/S/C: Adams/Vonk)

B. Director's Report - Ginny Brush

The Committee heard updates on the following:

1. **6th Annual Arts Symposium** is scheduled for Friday, April 27th from 8:30am -3:00pm at the Canary Hotel in Santa Barbara. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Craig Watson, new Director of the California Arts Council. Proposed issues/topics for the Symposium were listed which included building public/private and art/business partnerships.
2. **For National Poetry Month:** Staff has arranged for proclamations for the April 3rd Board of Supervisors Meeting and April 10th City Council Meeting. Madeleine Centrella, County Poetry Out Loud winner will do a recitation at the Board meeting. Paul Willis, City Poet Laureate will make a presentation to City Council.

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3. Staff completed the final data upload to Americans for the Arts (Feb. 24) for Arts and Economic Prosperity Study IV. Results to be released in June will indicate economic impact of Arts & Cultural sector on Santa Barbara County. Staff also provided data to SB Conference & Visitors Bureau staff identifying 101 Cultural Arts Organizations and venues for marketing its Cultural Tourism campaign. The Arts Commission has contracted with Americans for the Arts “On the Road to Prosperity Tour” to have Randy Cohen spend a full day in Santa Barbara participating in press conferences, meetings and presentation to arts organizations and elected leaders to explain the study and how the findings can be used to support the arts in Santa Barbara County. We intend to partner with Chambers and Tourist Bureaus to maximize Mr. Cohen’s visit.

4. State and Local Partnership Grants from the California Arts Council became available online March 12 and are due April 20th. Staff is in the process of completing California Cultural Data Project budget info for 2010-11 as part of that requirement.

5. In early March City Council approved several parts of the adopted City Master Plan. Of those 14 items approved to move forward development of a Public Art and Culture Master plan was included on the list. This will allow Arts Commission staff to begin working with City Planning staff in getting guidance moving forward.

4. VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE – Judy Nilsen called the meeting to order at 3:54 pm.

A. Restoration of Summer Solstice Murals on the Granada Garage: Ginny Brush reported that she will be contacting Victor Garza at the Granada Garage and Rich McLaughlin, one of the artists to get an estimates and discuss plans for restoration of the areas of the Mural that are detaching from the wall. Applying a new exterior protective coating is recommended at this time as well.

B. Update of In Plain Sight Public Art DVD: Ginny Brush reported that funds have been secured to update the “In Plain Sight” Public Art DVD. This will provide an opportunity to include new Public Art projects such as the mosaics along Cabrillo Blvd., the Solstice Mural and art at the Airport. This will also allow for new content that addresses issues of arts maintenance, and restoration.

C. Staff Report – Rita Ferri

SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT PUBLIC ART; After Douglas Lochner’s proposal for an architectural glass public sculpture for the Santa Barbara Airport was unanimously approved at the February 2012 VAPP/Arts Advisory meeting, the sculpture will now be brought to the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) Committee; Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director, who has spoken with John Blankenship, from the Pierre Claeysens’ Foundation who will complete a master application for the ABR. If approved they will create a time line for installation. The project is funded in large part by the Pierre Claeysens’ Foundation.

CHROMATIC GATE: The Arts Commission is pleased to report a kick-off gift of \$10,000 from the David Jacoby Family Trust. Jacoby felt a kinship with Herbert Bayer, one of the most famous Bauhaus artists, as Jacoby was an architectural draftsman who rendered plans of Bauhaus Buildings when he was a young man in Tel Aviv. He is hoping his gift will encourage others to come forward to save the gate. The Arts Commission is also joining forces with Patti DeDominic and Gene Sinser from the Arts Fund who will co-chair a campaign to save the Chromatic Gate and raise \$50,000 for that fund. There is hope on the horizon for the restoration of the Gate.

CHANNING PEAKE GALLERY: *Threshold* artists, Michele Simonson and Timothy Webb from Allan Hancock College conducted a walk-thru gallery talk for March's 1st *Thursday* program. Kerry Methner of CASA Magazine did an in-depth published interview with the artists. Also note that on April 5, 1st *Thursday* Paul Willis, the City Poet Laureate will lead a poetry event, *Poets on the Threshold*, featuring 6 other invited Santa Barbara poets who have chosen two images from the exhibition to create poems. Different images will be projected during the reading of the poems. County TV will record the program for viewing on Channel 20 at a later time and the Arts Commission will have a link posted on their website.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqueline Dyson announced a call for art images for consideration of Santa Barbara Beautiful's chalk art space at the I Madonnari Italian Street Festival in May. Robert Adams thanked Roman Baratiak for the recent film series at UCSB featuring art and architecture, and announced the upcoming Opera SB "Marriage of Figaro" on March 23. Mary Heebner announced Macduff Everton will be signing his new book "Modern Maya" at Chaucer's on March 27.

Ginny Brush announced the Cacique Street Bridge public art elements will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.