



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE and
VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting of
Thursday, July 17, 2014
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Arts Advisory Committee Members Present: Robert Adams, Darian Bleecher, Nina Dunbar, Elizabeth Owen

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Marylove Thralls, Nathan Vonk

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Darian Bleecher, Phyllis de Picciotto, Jacqueline Dyson, Suzanne Fairly-Green, Martha Gray, Susan Keller

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent: Judy Nilsen, Teen Conlon, Mary Heebner

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Courtney Miller, ABR; Judith Cook, Parks & Recreation; Barry Winick, HLC

Staff Present: Ginny Brush, Executive Director; Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

Staff Absent: Lyn Semenza, Department Business Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – Robert Adams called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - A. **Approval of Minutes** – Elizabeth Owen made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting. Martha Gray seconded. Darian Bleecher and Nina Dunbar abstained. *Motion passed.*
 - B. **Director's Report**
 - i. **Update on Community Arts Workshop Space** – The CAW Task Force has been working closely with the SB Arts Collaborative in developing a path forward with updates of the architectural plans to meet current codes and address safety issues required by the City. Plans were approved by the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) at its July 2nd meeting. The SB Arts Collaborative received a \$5,000 Express Grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation to support the development of graphics and branding materials to be included in the Fundraising/Development campaign.

The David Shelton-designed gates that serve as the Public Art elements in the project have received conceptual approval from Arts Advisory and VAPP and will be incorporated into graphic materials for the project. A Capital Fundraising Committee, headed up by Marianne Clark is developing a development strategy and identifying potential donors and sources of funding. A fundraising event is being scheduled for October.

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- ii. **2014-15 State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP) Grant** – SLPP Grants are being reviewed this month. Notification of grant funds should be received in September. The funding cycle is October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.
- iii. **Progress of Santa Barbara County Alliance for Arts Education** – The Santa Barbara County Alliance for Arts Education continues to make progress in advocating for a Visual Arts and Performing Arts (VAPA) Coordinator for the Santa Barbara School District. Arts Commission staff has been working in collaboration with the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation, the Incredible Children’s Network (iCAN), the SB Education Foundation and The Arts Fund to increase advocacy for arts education in schools and explore ways to help the SB School District initially fund the VAPA coordinator position.

C. **Review Recommendations for 2014-15 Community Arts and Organizational Development Grant Funding** – Arts Advisory Committee members received spreadsheets of award recommendations for the Community Arts Grants and Organizational Development Grant.

There were 34 Organizational Development Grant applications with requests totaling \$379,253. Individual requests ranged from \$4,000 to \$18,000. The review panel recommended a combined award of \$146,263 with individual award recommendations ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000. The total includes a \$4,500 carryover from the previous granting cycle that a grantee was not able to use.

For the Community Arts Grant, individual requests ranged from \$1,700 to \$6,000 totaling \$128,505 with 25 applicants. The panel recommended 23 grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, totaling \$45,550.

If approved, the recommendations would then go to the City Finance Committee and City Council for review and approval. Applicants should receive word the later part of September.

Darian made a motion to approve the Community Arts and Organizational Development Grant recommendations as presented. Nina Dunbar seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*

D. **Selection of 2014 Business in Art Award winner**

Committee members reviewed a number of nominees and voted by secret ballot. Laura Knight, owner of Pascucci’s Restaurant was selected as the recipient of the 2014 Business in Art Award. The award will be designed by multi-media artist Sue Van Horsen and will be presented during the Santa Barbara Beautiful Annual Awards event in September.

E. **Update on Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative and Funk Zone** – Ginny Brush gave an update on behalf of Nathan Vonk. The Funk Zone Artists Village project went before the Planning Commission and progress is being made with City staff on the shipping container component of the project. The containers are optimistically planned to be in place by the end of September. A number of applicants have already applied for spaces and the project is moving forward on all levels.

F. **Adjourn as City Advisory** – Darian Blecher made a motion to adjourn the Arts Advisory Meeting. Nina Dunbar seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:15PM.

4. VISUAL ARTS I PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Call to Order – Martha Gray called the meeting to order at 4:15PM.

- A. Bath Street Pocket Park Tile Art Project** – Jill Zachary, Assistant Director of the City Parks & Recreation Department gave a presentation on a proposed tile public art project to be included in the Bath Street Pocket Park Project for final approval.

The proposed pocket park is located on the corner of Bath and Ortega Streets. Ms. Zachary reported that project has been in the making for the past 15 years when the City's Redevelopment Agency purchased the parcels as part of the Lower Mission Creek Flood Control Project. Funding for the project was from the Redevelopment Agency, which has since been dissolved, thus causing the project to be put on hold until December of 2013. Funding has since been made available from remaining RDA funds. These projects are being implemented in stages as bridges are replaced, and this project follows the completion of the Ortega Bridge replacement, which provided the actual footprint of the park.

Several concept designs were presented to the group. The designs are the result of neighborhood meetings held at the proposed park site to gather input. The concept design chosen includes adult fitness equipment, a playground, benches, landscaping, lighting, fencing and tile art. The project has received positive comments in the concept review from the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) and the Architectural Board of Review (ABR).

The proposed art element associated with the project will be included in the sidewalk. Tina Villadolid, the artist for this project presented prototypes of tiles. They are similar to the tile treatment installed on the corner of Haley and De la Vina Streets. They are clay-body tiles glazed with a cone-5 glazing, which is a matte glaze that has a sandy grit to it in order to help keep the tiles from becoming slippery. The tile will serve as a welcome mat to the park and will include the park name on it. Individual tiles sizes are 6" X 6" and 6" X 12" with an overall size of approximately 6' X 9' including the decorative boarder. The thematic imagery on the tiles would be similar to the tiles at Bohnett Park and the Haley/De la Vina Intersection, which focused on the flora and fauna of Mission Creek.

The next steps would include final approval from ABR and PARC, going to bid in September and constructed in October for an opening in early 2015.

After discussion, Susan Keller made a motion to approve the tile public art component in the Bath Street Pocket Park Project as presented with a recommendation to spell out 'Street' rather than "St." in "Bath Street Pocket Park". Jacqueline Dyson seconded the motion. *Motion passed.*

- B. Review of Douglas Lochner's "Wings of Honor" project signage graphic elements and content included in Santa Barbara Airport public art** – Douglas Lochner – **This item was tabled to the September 18th meeting.**

- C. Staff Report** – Rita Ferri

- i. **Update on Donald Davis' Crescent Crossing restoration** – The sculpture in the 600 block of State St., currently maintains the temporary fencing around it, and was recently restored by Stewart Vaughn, the mason who fabricated the sculpture under the supervision of artist Donald Davis. The deep cleaning remove stains and surface grime, and some of the most damaged bricks were replaced. Fencing will remain up until the other security components of the project are completed. These include the fencing at the back area near the garage exit and the video camera to be mounted in the general area of the bench.

- ii. **Update on Memorandum of Understanding between County Arts Commission, City Parks and Recreation, and City Public Works** – The MOU with the City is nearing approval for the Chromatic Gate Maintenance agreement between the County Arts Commission, City Public Works and City Parks and Recreation working with Nina Johnson, the Assistant to the City administrator.
- iii. **Update on exhibitions at Channing Peake and City Hall Gallery** - *July 1st Thursday* Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections conducted a 6pm walk-through gallery talk for the Berkus Family Collection **WWBD? What Would Barry Do?** The talk covered both the work of Berkus Collection artists and young artists who created a response artwork for the exhibition. A great group of inquisitive people attended. The gallery is closed for August *1st Thursday* and the exhibition will deinstall on Saturday, August 16th. The next exhibition installs on August 23rd and will be *Impoverished Vision: Abstraction to the Rescue*.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The free **Summer Movie Series** began July 11th in the Courthouse Sunken Garden and will continue on through August 22nd.

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:55PM.

NEXT MEETING:

There will be no meeting in August. The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be September 18, 2104 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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