



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

REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

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

MINUTES

Arts Advisory  
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

**Arts Advisory Committee Members Present:** Robert Adams, Darian Bleecher, Marylove Thralls, Elizabeth Owen, Nathan Vonk, Margie Yahyavi

**Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Nina Dunbar

**Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present:** Judy Nilsen, Darian Bleecher, Teen Conlon Phyllis de Picciotto, Jaqueline Dyson, Suzanne Fairly, Mary Heebner

**Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent:** Martha Gray, Susan Keller

**Liaisons Absent:** Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Courtney Miller, Architectural Board of Review (ABR), Judith Cook, Parks & Recreation; Barry Winick, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)

**Staff Present:** Ginny Brush, Executive Director; Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections; Lyn Semenza, Department Business Specialist

Arts Advisory Chair, Robert Adams, called the meeting to order at 3:28pm and Roll Call was taken. There were no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Officer Michael Claytor, representing the Santa Barbara Police Department, provided information on a proposed public art project to honor five officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. The proposed project consists of a life-sized bronze sculpture of a police officer presenting a flag to a fallen officer's female child. The proposed sculpture is to be installed in front of the Police Department at 215 E Figueroa Street and is being funded by public and private donations. The target date for the unveiling is May 15, 2015, which is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This proposed project will be included on the February Agenda meeting for discussion.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Subject: Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** Judy Nilsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting. Nathan Vonk seconded. Margie Yahyavi Abstained. *Motion Passed.*

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## ARTS ADVISORY ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Subject: Update from 2015 City Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Search Committee – Marylove Thralls, Chair. The Committee received a brief update from the Poet Laureate Search Committee. Posters have been distributed to local organizations, businesses and venues to post on their windows and a press release has gone out. To date, the Arts Commission has received one submission. The next meeting for the committee will be on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

### **Subject: Executive Director's Report**

#### **State and Local Partnership Program (SLPP)**

The Arts Commission was awarded \$12,939 in State and Local Partnership Program funding from the California Arts Council. Funds are used to leverage matching funds from the County and City of Santa Barbara.

#### **Community Arts Enrichment Grants**

The Arts Commission staff received a check on December 18<sup>th</sup> from the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation's Arts Subsidy Fund in the amount of \$28,400. These funds will be divided with \$14,200 to be awarded during the Spring Cycle (deadline April 30, 2015) and \$14,200 to be awarded during the Fall Cycle (deadline September 30, 2015).

Community Arts Enrichment Grants are funded through Arts Subsidy Funds from the Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation and a partnership agreement with County Arts Commission. At the end of the 2015 Bowl Season, the partnership agreement changes the subsidy from 25 cents/ticket to 50 cents/ticket.

#### **Yes We Can Project Update**

Sharon Byrne, a member of the Milpas Community Association (MCA), provided staff with an update on the project. MCA has a signed contract with the City to implement the project along the Milpas Street corridor.

Original artwork that the committee approved has been provided to the graphic artist for digitizing and formatting for output of approximately 10 panels at template size on the approved vinyl material. The estimated time of installation is mid-February 2015. MCA will be notifying staff of the exact time and date of an event to kick-off the project.

#### **2015 Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud Competition**

The Arts Commission will be participating in the National Poetry Out Loud (POL) Competition, once again partnering with the California Arts Council, the NEA and the National Poetry Foundation. Six high schools have signed up with the State to participate this year. POL materials have been delivered to interested schools and info has been posted on Facebook and our Website.

The Arts Commission will host the Santa Barbara County competition on February 4, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in Santa Barbara from 5-8pm. Chrissy Yost, current City Poet Laureate will emcee and all other judges including a number of past Poet Laureates have been secured. Santa Barbara Strings will be providing music prior to the start of the competition.

**Promotion of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)** is in the works. Information has been provided on our Facebook and website and in the E-Blast along with distribution of Postcards. The deadline for applications is February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Arts Commissioners were asked to help get information and postcards in the hands of high school teachers working with AP and other talented performing arts students in all disciplines.

ADJOURNMENT – The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

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Visual Art in Public Places Chair, Judy Nilsen, called the meeting to order at 4:00PM and Roll Call was taken.

#### VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. **Receive a presentation from the Museum of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara for approval of a Temporary Public Art Mural on the south wall of the Indigo Hotel at 121 State Street – Miki Garcia, Brooke Kellaway and Monika Molnar-Metzenthin** – The committee received a presentation and proposal from the Museum of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara for a temporary mural project created by artist Yunhee Min to be painted on the south side of the Hotel Indigo. This public mural installation will coincide with the fourth art installation of the Museum of Contemporary Art at the Indigo Hotel and part of their upcoming exhibition, *Magic Mountain*. The artist, Yunhee Min, showed images of her work and a color field example of what the muted blue painting treatment would look like on the brick wall of the Indigo Hotel.

Mary Heebner made a motion to approve the temporary art installation on the wall of the Indigo Hotel's south wall. Jacqueline Dyson seconded. *Motion Passed.*

#### COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

**Subject: Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections Report**

##### **Near and Far: Plein Air in County Parks**

The current exhibition, *Near and Far: Plein Air*, is a collaboration between SCAPE (Southern California Painting for the Environment) and the County Arts Commission and designates 40% of their sales to environment non-profits. *Near and Far* continues with works until Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and will travel to Santa Maria for a showing in the Betteravia Galleries and an opening on February 19, 4-6pm. 13 paintings have sold to date, with \$3,100 being donated to The County Park Foundation.

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, Chrissy Yost, City Poet Laureate, will present a poetry reading titled, *The Near and Far of Plein Air* at 6pm. She has invited 11 other regional poets to join her on a walk-thru of the landscape exhibition and to read poems that they have written for specific paintings.

##### **5 Points Shopping Center Public Art Proposal**

Patrick Conway, the Vice President of Regency Centers, including the Santa Barbara 5 Points Shopping Center, has a signed contract with The Hollis Group, a design team to propose public art components at the newly remodeled 5 Points Shopping Center. They have asked to be placed on the February Arts Advisory/VAKPP meeting agenda.

### **Santa Barbara Airport**

The project will be reviewed for Project Design Approval by the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) on Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room at 630 Garden Street between 3 and 6pm.

The Wings of Honor team would appreciate any support the Committee members can offer in person during the Public Comment period for this project. The presentation will include the most current developments regarding the sculpture and site amenities that have been part of the discussions and approvals at the Art Advisory/VAPP meetings, such as the benches and walkways. These elements will be presented to the ABR Committee members for their consideration of Project Design Approval.

The Douglas Lochner, *Wings of Honor*, glass sculpture project at the Santa Barbara Airport is going for final review to HLC in the next few weeks. Their presentation will include a design review timeline, details and recommendations of all their approvals from ABR, City Council and Arts Advisory/VAPP.

### **Yanonali St. Mural Project**

Arts Commission staff met with Nancy Grinstein, one of the owners of a mixed-use building on at 10 East Yanonali St. next to the railroad tracks. The contractor and another owner attended as well and walked the perimeter of the building with staff and discussed possible sites for future temporary art murals and other similar project models. The owners will be coming to the committee with a proposal in the coming months.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- American Dance & Music Thank-You letter
- Santa Barbara International Film Festival

ADJOURNMENT – Visual Art in Public places (VAPP) meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be February 19, 2015 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission at (805) 568-3990. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

### **REPORTS:**

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