



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

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 19, 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, Nina Dunbar, Elizabeth Owen, Marylove Thralls, Margie Yahyavi

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Nathan Vonk

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

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

Liaisons Present: Michael Drury, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Courtney Miller, Architectural Board of Review (ABR), Judith Cook, City Parks & Recreation

Staff Present: Ginny Brush, Executive Director; Lyn Semenza, Department Business Specialist

Staff Absent: Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Arts Advisory Chair, Robert Adams, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm and Roll Call was taken. There were no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kenneth Loch spoke about the nature of creativity.

Police Chief Cam Sanchez, Bob Hart, Jane Grand and Ursula Claytor spoke in support of the proposed Public Sculpture at 215 E. Figueroa Street.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Subject: Approval of Minutes**

ACTION: The meeting minutes of January 14, 2014 were considered and approved.

ARTS ADVISORY ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. **Subject: Update from 2015 City Poet Laureate Ad Hoc Search Committee** – Marylove Thralls, Committee Chair reported that posters announcing the search have been distributed to various organizations and businesses for posting on their windows. The search committee met on January 22nd and established a timeline. The deadline to submit nominations is February 20th. Their next meeting will be on March 12th to review the nominations and select a candidate to recommend to Arts Advisory Committee on March 19th.

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- B. **Subject: Update on Community Arts Workshop (CAW) at 631 Garden Street** –Judy Nilsen reported that the project is currently in Phase 1 for improvements to building 2 (the shed), which includes lights, doors and a new roof. Solstice will then move in and use the property for the Summer Solstice Festival. Once Solstice is done, the hope is that enough funds are raised to move on to the next phase, which will include plumbing and restrooms to Building 1. The Arts Collaborative has begun fundraising efforts; they are looking for major donors and will provide naming opportunities. A video was produced by Russ Spencer about the CAW and will be shown at the State of the City.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Subject: Executive Director’s Report

Update on the Yes We Can project: At its February 10th City Council meeting, Sharon Byrne of the Milpas Community Association and Matt Fore of the City’s Department of Environmental Services made presentations on the Yes We Can project. Council voted to approve an agreement between the City and Milpas Community Association to install the trash cans with youth created Public Art banners at approved locations along Milpas Street. The motion was made by Councilman Hotchkiss and seconded by Councilman Rowse.

2015 Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud Competition: The Arts Commission hosted its 9th Annual Santa Barbara County Poetry Out Loud competition on February 4, 2015 in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room in Santa Barbara from 5-7pm. Chrissy Yost, City Poet Laureate served as the emcee for the event and judges included Perie Longo, Paul J. Willis, Sojourner Kincaid Rolle and Sharon Hoshida. This year’s winner was Aldrin Ysip, a senior at Pioneer Valley High School in Santa Maria. Axelina Hallstrom, also a senior at Pioneer Valley, was the second place winner, and Honorable Mention was awarded to Aaron Garcia from Orcutt Academy High School. Representatives from the offices of State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson and Assemblyman Das Williams provided certificates of recognition to Aldrin Ysip, who will represent the County at the State Competition in Sacramento on March 15th and 16th. County TV’s coverage of the competition is available on YouTube and will be airing on Channel 20 in the coming months.

Save the Date for the 10th Annual Countywide Arts Symposium to be held Friday, April 24th at the Canary Hotel from 8:30-3:00pm.

Keynote and breakout sessions will focus on Creative Placemaking/Community Engagement/Advocating for Arts Education in schools/SB Arts Collaborative Update on Community Arts Workshop restoration and opportunities and other topics of interest to the arts & cultural community. All committee members were encouraged to attend.

Review committees for the 2015-16 City Community Arts and Organizational Development Grants will be established at the March meeting. Three members will be selected to serve on each committee with an alternate to serve should we need a replacement.

In preparation with **April as National Poetry Month** staff has organized a Resolution to be presented at the April 14th Board of Supervisor’s meeting and a Proclamation at the April 7th City Council meeting which will coincide with the installation of the new City Poet Laureate.

ADJOURNMENT – The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair, Judy Nilsen, called the meeting to order at 3:50PM and Roll Call was taken.

VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Subject: Proposal for Public Sculpture at 215 E. Figueroa Street in front of the Santa Barbara Police Department –Michael Claytor, Mike Wiltshire, City Police Department

The committee received a presentation and proposal for permanent installation of a life-size bronze sculpture on a terraced area in front of the Santa Barbara Police Department.

A Committee for the Public Sculpture organized by the Police Department approached Bud Bottoms, a well-known local artist who provided approximately 2 dozen concept ideas, from which the Committee chose one. Bud Bottoms is currently unavailable due to another large project but recommended that the Committee solicit the help of Dorothy Boyles from Genesis Bronze, Inc. to assist in sculpting his concept idea for the memorial.

After public comment, discussion and input from the committee regarding the revised maquette presented for review along with proposed bronze material and surface treatment, Teen Conlon made a motion to approve the proposal as presented with the following stipulations:

1. Include an elevated base to enhance visibility;
2. Slightly shorten the dress on the female child; and
3. Enhance the officer's stature to be slightly more robust.

The motion was seconded by Suzanne Fairly. *Motion Passed*

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Subject: Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections Report

There was no Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections Report due to the absence of Rita Ferri.

ADJOURNMENT – Visual Art in Public places (VAPP) meeting was adjourned at 5:02PM.

NEXT MEETING:

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

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