



Arts Advisory

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ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE and
VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 21, 2015
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, Marylove Thralls, Margie Yahyavi

Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Darian Bleecher, Nathan Vonk

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Judy Nilsen, Teen Conlon, Jacqueline Dyson, Martha Gray, Mary Heebner

Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent: Darian Bleecher, Phyllis de Picciotto, Suzanne Fairly, Susan Keller

Liaisons Present: Courtney Miller, Architectural Board of Review (ABR), Michael Drury, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)

Liaisons Absent: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Judith Cook, City Parks & Recreation;

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Arts Advisory Chair, Robert Adams, called the Arts Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:32M and Roll Call was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Courtney Jane Miller Announced a June 1st Thursday event, *DROUGHT RESISTANT: Summer Art Series* at her studio.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Subject: Approval of Minutes**

ACTION: Elizabeth Owen made a motion to approve the April 16, 2014 meeting. Martha Gray seconded. Judy Nilsen & Margie Yahyavi abstained. *Motion Passed.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. **Subject: 2015-2016 City Cultural Arts and Grants Update** – Ginny Brush

The committee received an update on the 2015-16 City Cultural Arts Grants process and timeline for the Community Arts and Organizational Development Grants.

Staff held three technical assistance workshops for new applicants, and the deadline for all City grant applications is June 1st. The Community Arts Grants panel will consist of Robert Adams, Marylove Thralls and Margie Yahyavi. They will meet Thursday, June 11th to review the applications and make grant award recommendations. Elizabeth Owen, Nina Dunbar and Nathan Vonk will serve on the Organizational Development Grants panel and will meet on Wednesday, June 17th.

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B. Subject: Update on Permanent Public Art at the Five Points Shopping Center at 3942 State Street – Staff.

The Committee received an update on the progress and review process for the Regency Center/Hollis Group proposal to include public art in the recently renovated Five Points Shopping Center.

The Hollis Brand Culture presentation project review is scheduled on Tuesday, May 26th for a Full Board Agenda of the Architectural Board of Review (ABR). Arts Commission staff plans to attend and speak on behalf of City Arts Advisory and VAPP committees' conceptual approval and positive support for the project, particularly the proposed Public Art components. The item will appear on the agenda at approximately 5:05pm.

C. Subject: Update on Community Arts Workshop (CAW) at 631 Garden Street – Nathan Vonk/Judy Nilsen

The Committees received an update on progress on Phase 1 of the CAW renovation and the David Shelton Solstice Public Art Gates. Solstice has moved into the shed and fundraising continues on a small scale for the gates and construction with larger fundraising events coming soon.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Subject: Executive Director's Report

Update on the May 20th, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) review of the proposal to remove and relocate Donald Davis' Crescent Crossing Public Art piece to a location near the Train Depot. The proposal failed to receive approval. Commissioners expressed the concern for removal and the relocation of public art; that the area proposed at the historic Depot was not appropriate.

Update on Status of Proposed Guidelines for Temporary Art Exhibition Program at the Airport Terminal. On May 18th staff met with Hazel Johns, Director, Rebecca Fribley, Airport Staff, and Tava Ostrenger from the City Attorney's office to discuss possible revisions and updates to the current proposed language and process for review of art for temporary placement. Ms. Ostrenger will be getting back to Airport and Arts Commission staff with recommendations to the guidelines.

Human Resources/Staff recruitment update: Recruitment is underway for a Contract/Grants Manager (Business Specialist 1 @ 80%). The current deadline is May 29th. On April 10th staff received a letter of separation from Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections notifying us of her intention to retire July 5th, 2015. Staff has been working with Renee Bahl, Interim Director of the County Community Services and Human Resources staff in developing a timely recruitment plan and updating the job description. The listing posted on May 15th and is being advertised statewide through the California Arts Council website "job opportunities". Recruitment closes May 29th. The goal is to have the position filled by late July or August.

The Spring Cycle **Community Arts Enrichment Grants** were reviewed on May 12th. This cycle there were 15 applicants with requests totaling \$50,950+ for the \$14,200 in funding available. Seven of the applicants were awarded funding. Information on the applicants will be included in a press release to go out in about 2 weeks. The Fall grant cycle deadline is September 30th.

The **Yes We Can Project** kicked off on May 23rd with a Ribbon cutting at the Corner of Milpas and Canon Perdido Street. Council member Hotchkiss and Mayor Pro Temp Gregg Hart were there along with Sharon Byrne from MCA, members of City Art Advisory, VAPP and Arts Commission staff.

ADJOURNMENT – Judy Nilsen made a motion to adjourn the Arts Advisory meeting. Robert Adams seconded. The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Judy Nilsen called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

VISUAL ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (VAPP) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. **Subject: Temporary Travel-Postcard Themed Murals on Pedestrian Barricade along La Entrada Construction Project on State Street between Cabrillo and Yanonali Street.** – Nathalie Gensac, Director of Youth Interactive, Media4Good

The committee received an update on the temporary Youth Interactive artists created murals to be applied to the existing pedestrian barricades on the east side of State Street fronting the La Entrada Construction Zone.

Nathalie Gensac provided the following timeline and updates for the project:

- All funding totaling \$16,500.00 has been secured.
- End of May – Call to artists will go out.
 - 16 Artists will be chosen. 6 panels will go to local artists, 6 to youth and the remainder will be open.
- June 30th – Submissions are due.
- July – Review and present a sample of proposed artwork to Arts Advisory and VAPP Committees. Draft MOU between Arts Commission and Woodbridge Capital.
- End of August – All art to completed
- 1st week of September – Installation
- September – Opening Ceremony

- B. **Subject: City Hall Exhibition-Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections**

City-wide Ray Strong Project.

The current City Hall Gallery exhibition, *Ray Strong: Shared Vision/Common Ground* is on view until February 18, 2016. The opening reception will be 1st Thursday, June 4, 5-7pm, with opening remarks by Mayor Helene Schneider. The exhibition celebrates Ray's teaching, his mentoring and his environmental legacy in Santa Barbara.

Organized in conjunction with the Ray Strong Project, an initiative of Sullivan Goss – An American Gallery, it includes a series of events and exhibitions coalescing in June of 2015 at museums and galleries in the Santa Barbara area. Other participants include The Easton Gallery, James Main Fine Art, Santa Barbara Art Association, Santa Barbara Historical Museum, Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the Wildling Museum and Sullivan – Goss.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

Subject: Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections Report

Channing Peake Gallery

There will be a review by Josef Woodard of the *Under the Influence: Responses to Place* exhibition at the Channing Peake Gallery tomorrow in the Scene of the Santa Barbara News-Press. Rita invited everyone to join the event at 6pm on 1st Thursday for a lively poetry walk-thru of the exhibition, titled *Poets Under the Influence*, organized by Chrissy Yost, Poet Laureate Emeritus, and 7 other invited poets. Poets will be responding to the evocative photographs with original poems and will take everyone on a very special “poetic tour” of this exhibition.

Police Station Sculpture

Michael Wiltshire, City Engineer on the project stated that they’ve been given HLC approval and are in the process of raising funds. Plans are being put together for a building permit.

ADJOURNMENT – The Arts Advisory/Visual Art in Public places (VAPP) meeting was adjourned at 4:30PM.

NEXT MEETING:

The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be June 18, 2015 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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