



# Arts Advisory

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

REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, June 18, 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, Elizabeth Owen, Marylove Thralls, Nathan Vonk

**Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Nina Dunbar, Margie Yahyavi

**Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present:** Judy Nilsen, Darian Bleecher, Phyllis de Picciotto, Jacqueline Dyson, Suzanne Fairly, Martha Gray, Mary Heebner, Susan Keller

**Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent:** Teen Conlon,

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

**Liaisons Absent:**

**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 3:34PM and Roll Call was taken.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 1. **Subject: Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** Judy Nilsen made a motion to approve the May 21, 2014 meeting. Nathan Vonk seconded. Judy Nilsen & Margie Yahyavi abstained. Susan Keller 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.

The review of all grant categories has been complete, and funding was increased by 3% in each category. There were a total of 23 Community Arts (CA) Grants, 9 Events and Festivals (EF) Grants & 40 Organizational (OD) Grants recommended to receive funding. There were less applicants in the CA grant category this year so the committees felt it would be best maximized if the remaining funding from CA be used for OD

Recommendations will be presented to Arts Advisory/VAPP during the next meeting.

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**B. Subject: Update on Public Art Components at the Five Points Shopping Center at 3942 State St. – Dawn Vitale, Hollis Group**

The committee received a presentation, update and sample materials from the Hollis Group (for the Regency Center) on the proposed art elements in the recently renovated Five Points Shopping Center. [APPROVAL REQUESTED]

Nathan Vonk made a motion to approve the project as presented. The motion failed for lack of a second. Elizabeth moved to approve the project as presented with the following recommendations:

- a) Some of the more graphic elements should be softened on some of the images and integrated more with the central art figures in the murals.
  - b) Separate out the flags from the art component fall under the purview and review of the ABR.
- Nathan Vonk seconded. *Motion passed.*

**C. Nominations for the 2015 Business in Art Award**

Committee members were invited to submit recommendations for the 2015 Business in Art Award. The selection of the Business in Art Award recipient will take place during the next meeting and will be presented in September at the Annual Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards Event at the Music Academy of the West. [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

The committees were asked to submit a list of contributions made by the nominees.

**D. 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. [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

Nathan reported that CAW is working on the Youth Interactive permit. Solstice will be out on July 7th and Pianos on State will use the building next. They are looking to fill the space as much as possible. They have raised \$450K to date.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**Subject: Executive Director's Report** – No report.

ADJOURNMENT – Darian Blecher made a motion to adjourn the Arts Advisory meeting. Elizabeth Owen seconded. The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

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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 St. –Staff update**

The committee received an update on the temporary Youth Interactive artist-created murals to be applied to the existing pedestrian barricades on the east side of State Street fronting the La Entrada Construction Zone. [NO ACTION REQUIRED]

Ms. Gensac is putting out a call for artists. Artists will be painting in August, and the artwork will be installed in September. The ribbon cutting ceremony will also be in September.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

**City Hall Gallery**

The *Ray Strong: Shared Vision/Common Ground* City Hall Gallery exhibition, on view until February 18, 2016, held its opening reception on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, with opening remarks by Mayor Helene Schneider. In honor of Ray Strong's well-known favorite, almost 100 root beer floats were served in the gallery. The exhibition celebrates Ray's teaching, his mentoring and his environmental legacy in Santa Barbara. Many of the artists were in attendance, including Meredith Brooks Abbott, Whitney Brooks Abbott, Bill Dewey, Michael Drury and Larry Iwerks.

**Channing Peake Gallery**

If you visit the City gallery or the County Administration Building you will find signage directing you to all the Ray Strong paintings in the County collection, both in buildings in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. Of special relevant importance right now is the Ray Strong mural in the Engineering Hallway next to the Channing Peake Gallery. The mural is titled, *Forces Gone Wild: G.O.O. (Get Oil Out)* after the first oil spill in Santa Barbara.

ADJOURNMENT – The Arts Advisory/Visual Art in Public places (VAPP) meeting was adjourned at 5:20PM.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be July 16, 2015 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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