



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

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 20, 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, Elizabeth Owen, Marylove Thralls, Nathan Vonk, Margie Yahyavi, Nina Dunbar
Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Darian Bleacher
Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Judy Nilsen, Darian Bleacher, Jacqueline Dyson, Suzanne Fairly, Martha Gray, Susan Keller
Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent: Phyllis de Picciotto, Mary Heebner
Liaisons Present: Courtney Miller, Architectural Board of Review (ABR)
Liaisons Absent: Michael Drury, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Judith Cook, City Parks & Recreation
Staff Present: Ginny Brush, Executive Director; Hannah Rubalcava, 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 June 18, 2014 minutes, with correction that Margie did not abstain, but was not in attendance at the June 18, 2014 meeting. Nathan Vonk seconded. *Motion Passed.*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

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

Ms. Brush suggested that the committee move money from the Community Arts Grants to Organizational Development because of the dramatic increase of the number of applicants. \$14,700 is recommended to be transferred from Community Arts Grants to Organizational Development Grants. The grant amounts also reflect an increase of 3% in total funding from the City of Santa Barbara.

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There were 16 applicants for Community Arts, 14 were funded for a total of \$35,470. The primary reason grants some were not funded was that the proposed program or project was outside the city and did not serve City residents.

40 grants for Organizational Development were received; 37 are recommended for funding in the amount of \$165,600. The primary reason that grants were not recommended for funding was that they were not a good fit for the intended purpose of the OD grant. There was some discussion on the SB Education Foundation grant; the committee noted a discrepancy, the SBEF asked for \$5000, the spreadsheet indicated a \$6000 award. Staff noted the entry error, which will be corrected prior to going to Council.

There was a brief discussion regarding disparity between the amount of some grant requests and the amount of the awards. A number of applicants asked for the maximum for projects that served a limited audience or had less community support or impact than other organizations. Ms. Dunbar also responded that review panelists were also looking at the amount asked vs. the amount of the total project. Grant recommendations go to City Council September 8, 2015.

ACTION:

Ms. Dunbar moved that the committee approve the recommendations for funding of the grants in the amounts recommended with the correction that the Santa Barbara Education Foundation receive the \$5000 amount asked for, with the note that review panelists were especially pleased to see the increased number of Organizational Development applications and suggested more funding be available next year because there is a demonstrated need from the applicants.

Motion: Nina Dunbar

Second: Nathan Vonk

Abstentions: None

Motion Passed

B. Subject: Update on Community Arts Workshop- Nathan Vonk

Construction is on hold until the Youth Interactive Temporary Mural Project is completed. The Construction crew are going to rush to get some of the stuff under the second building removed to put in a water capture system and then replace the slab before the rain and Holidays.

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director's Report – Ginny Brush

Ms. Brush reported that City County Annual Contract agreement is scheduled to go before City Council on September 8 for approval. A presentation on the Arts Program will be included. It will then go to County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Staff transition and update on recruitment process: An offer has been made for the Visual Arts Coordinator position. The start date is estimated for September 28th. Details will follow at the next meeting. A reception in conjunction with October 1st Thursday is planned. The recruitment process for the Executive Director was completed. The top 10 applications are being reviewed and interviews will be set up. The interview committee will consist of representatives from the City and County appointed committees as well as City and County administration and a representative from the community. The goal is to have the ED position filled by late October at the latest.

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The process of finding a proper relocation area for **Crescent Crossing** continues. Staff has been communicating with Marck Aguilar who continues to drive the search. Staff has also spoken with Donald Davis' wife Wendy to keep her informed of efforts to find an appropriate location for the art piece. Nina Dunbar suggested Five Points; Ms. Brush recommended establishing a subcommittee for this project.

Proclamations and resolutions for **Arts & Humanities month** are being scheduled for October 6th.

Update: Proposed Guidelines for Temporary Art at the Airport: Staff from the City Attorney's office has been working on revisions which should be reviewed in the next several weeks.

In early July Arts Commission staff received word that the California Arts Council awarded a Creative California Communities Grant in the amount of \$43,500 for the Isla Vista Light Works Public Art Project. Details to follow.

There was a discussion of interest in setting up a tour of Alan Macy's SB Center for Arts Science and Technology (SBCAST). Staff will set that up for the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nathan Vonk made a motion to adjourn the Arts Advisory meeting. Elizabeth Owen seconded. *Motion passed.* The Arts Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM

JOINT CONVENING WITH VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER at 4:15

ROLL CALL

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Nominations for the 2015 Business in Art Award

After some discussion a secret ballot was taken at 4:20 and Hotel Indigo was selected as 2015 Business in Art Award Recipient

B. Subject: Temporary Travel-Postcard Themed Murals on Pedestrian Barricade along La Entrada Construction Project on State Street between Cabrillo and Yanonali St.

Presentation by Nathalie Gensac from Youth Interactive

Nine people voted on the 15 murals that were submitted. Call to Artists sent out to all arts organizations. 15 to be selected; 28 submitted.

Artists include: Earl Arnold, Rafeal Perea De La Cabada, Matt Rodriguez, Jessica Nieuwhues- student, Avi Doran- student, Danny Meza, Metrov, Shannon McCain Jaffe, Yanelly Delgado- student, Barbara Eberhart, Kathe Christie, Loren Manzo, Jonathon Hernandez- student, David Diamant, Maryvonne Laparriere, Mural #16- collaboration thanking supporters of the project- Sara Wilcox, Anke

Discussion- Mr. Adam: Youth Interactive is going a great job on press and Facebook. Artists are having a great time. Thanks to YI for the progress that is happening very quickly. Also thanks to CAW for the space and help to make this happen. Ms. Dunbar

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encourages people to tell people that the work is happening in the CAW- this is the inaugural project. Staff asked if text was going to be included in the project- and Nathalie showed a drawing that displayed the bios next to the murals. Artists were given \$250 each to purchase their supplies. No payment is given to the artists for the work but there will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the end. Voting for prizes will be done by funders and the Mayor. Ms. Gensac noted that graffiti coating will be added to each mural and here will be lighting at night.

ACTION:

Motion: Jacqueline Dyson move to approve the artwork for the post card project.

Second: Martha Gray

Abstentions: none

Motion Passed

VAPP/AAC joint meeting adjourned at 4:55

NEXT MEETING:

The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be September 17, 2015 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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