



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

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 17, 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: Darian Bleacher, Margie Yahyavi, Marylove Thralls, Robert Adams, Chair
Arts Advisory Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Owen, Nathan Vonk, Nina Dunbar
Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Present: Jacqueline Dyson, Judy Nilsen, Martha Gray, Phyllis de Picciotto, Susan Keller, Suzanne Fairly-Green
Visual Arts in Public Places Committee Absent: Mary Heebner, Teen Conlon
Liaisons Present: Frank Hotchkiss, City Council
Liaisons Absent: Michael Drury, Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), Frank Hotchkiss, City Council; Judith Cook, City Parks & Recreation, Courtney Miller, ABR
Staff Present: Ginny Brush, Executive Director; Hannah Rubalcava, Contracts/ Grants Manager

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Arts Advisory Chair, Robert Adams, called the meeting to order at 3:36PM and Roll Call was taken.

There was no public comment.

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Subject: Approval of Minutes**
ACTION: Tabled until next meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Subject: State of the Arts

Ms. Brush gave the committee a brief overview of the “State of the City” report to City Council in support of the City/County Annual Arts Agreement agenda item. The update included progress report on fundraising and restoration efforts to date.

B. Subject: Update on Community Arts Workshop

Restoration of the CAW is currently at Phase 6 of the plan. It includes removing slabs of concrete from Building one in preparation for including the vapor barrier system. The goal is to not delay restoration construction but have the space available for painting of the State Street pianos in Building Two known as (The Shed).

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COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director's Report – Ginny Brush

Letters have been mailed to grant recipients with an invitation to attend a reception and photo op on the East side steps of City Hall on October 8th. There will be a reading of a Proclamation by Mayor Schneider, and a reading by Sojourner Kincaid Rolle followed by a reception in Room 15 on the second floor of City Hall after the photo op.

Ms. Brush reminded the committee that the Community Arts Enrichment (CAE) Grant deadline is September 30th and Pianos on State Street is scheduled to run from October 8-18.

Ms. Brush then gave an update on the Arts Commission staff transition. Maiza Hixson will begin on September 28, 2015. A public introduction of Ms. Hixson is planned for *1st Thursday* in the Channing Peake Gallery on October 1. An interview of potential candidates for the Executive Director was held on September 15. Currently the County is following up with two applicants for a second interview. The goal is to have the new Executive Director in place by mid-late October.

Judy Nilsen reported that a Community Arts Workshop (CAW) fundraiser will be held on Sunday October 18th at 3:00 PM and organizers are still looking for potential donors. She encouraged committee members to send names of any potential donors to the Arts Collaborative so they can be added to the invitation list. Ms. Nilsen also gave an update on the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative Candidates Forum scheduled for September 24 at 7:00pm at the Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Public Library.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 PM

JOINT CONVENING WITH VISUAL ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 and roll was taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Approval of the Guidelines for Temporary Public Artwork at the Airport Terminal

Hazel Johns, Airport Director, made a presentation requesting approval of the Guidelines for Temporary Public Art installations at the Santa Barbara Airport Terminal. She reported that the Airport Public Art Review committee would include a member from the Airport Commission, City Arts Advisory, Visual Art in Public Places (VAPP), Architectural Board of Review (ABR), the Airport Director, County Art in Public Places (CAPP), and an Airport Temporary Arts Program Curator who would be a non-voting member. The Guidelines have been approved by the Airport Commission. Both solicited and unsolicited artwork would initially go to Airport Director before going to the City Arts Advisory and Visual Art in Public Places (VAPP) committees for review and approval. Robert Adams moved to approve the Airport Temporary Art Policies and Guidelines as presented and added that this is a model document. Suzanne Fairly seconded the motion. The committee voted to unanimously approve the guidelines. *Motion Passed.*

B. Review of proposed temporary artwork for the “Yes we Can” Milpas Street Temporary public art project.

Natasha Todorovic who is a volunteer and a Board member of the Milpas Community Association (MCA) presented artwork for input from City Arts Advisory and Visual Art in Public Places (VAPP) committees on the content as well as grouping of images. After feedback from the group, Jacqueline

Dyson moved to move forward with the images and committee suggested groupings with recommendations that the backgrounds be more saturated and contain stronger colors and that the revised images be presented at the next meeting for final approval. Additional notes from the Committees included that MCA ensure that all imagery is original artwork; and that the banners are consistent with original trash cans to make sure the layout contains first names of the artists and appropriate sponsor logos. The motion was seconded by Susan Keller. Vote: In Favor- 9. Opposed- 0 Abstention- 1 Suzanne Fairly Abstained. *Motion Passed.*

C. Commission and Staff Communications

Ginny Brush gave an update on the La Entrada temporary mural project and encouraged committee members to make time to go see them. She pointed out that this project would not have been possible without the Community Arts Workshop space being available for artists to work.

Susan Keller announced the Revels Equinox Concert scheduled for September 27 at the Presidio Chapel. A reception at is set for 5pm with the Concert to follow immediately after.

Robert Adams announced the Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards on September 27. He also announced that the film Lutih just won two awards in Atlanta, Georgia. The film has been included in seven festivals and screenings worldwide. Mr. Adams will be reporting at the City Meeting with all the Council Appointed Committee Chairs next week. If anyone has any notes for Mr. Adams please email them to him.

The Five Points Project Public Art project has been terminated. The Architectural Board of Review (ABR) did not approve the Developers proposed art elements in spite of City Arts Advisory's support for the project, and the temporary community mural component of the project.

VAPP/AAC joint meeting adjourned at 4:53 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next City Arts Advisory and Visual Arts in Public Places Committee meeting will be October 15, 2015 in the David Gebhard Public Meeting Room.

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