



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**DRAFT MINUTES**

July 16, 2020

3:30 – 5:00 PM

This meeting was conducted electronically.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:35 PM** by Chair Margie Yahyavi

**ROLL CALL**

**Arts Advisory Members Present:** Marylove Thralls, William Smithers, Vice Chair, Margie Yahyavi, Chair, Jenna Nicole Tico, Robert Adams

**Arts Advisory Members Absent:** Frederick Janka, Kai Tepper

**Liaisons Present:** Oscar Gutierrez, Santa Barbara City Council

**Liaisons Absent:** Michael Drury, H.L.C.

**City of Santa Barbara Staff Present:** Nina Johnson, Senior Assistant to City Administrator

**SB County Arts & Culture Staff Present:** Sarah York Rubin, Julia Rutherford Daly, Hannah Rubalcava, John Ogilvie

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jacob Lesner-Buxton shared information about a community virtual open mic event on August 9th where artists with disabilities are invited to share their experiences. This is the 30th year since the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Barbara Parmet shared additional information about the virtual event commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Margaret Dodd and Judy Gilder shared information about a book with the paintings by artist Judy Gilder titled “From Where I Sit.”

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Subject: Approval of the Minutes**

Recommendation: That the Committee approve minutes from the meeting of June 18, 2020.

*Tabled.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**1. El Centro [NO ACTION REQUIRED]**

Chelsea Lancaster, founder of El Centro, a cultural community space in Santa Barbara shared information about their arts and culture programming and community work.

**2. Proposed 2019-2020 Grant Application Program Updates [ACTION REQUIRED]**

It is recommended that the Committee approve the updates to grant application as presented by the Grant Subcommittee. M/S/C Smithers, Adams. *Motion carries.*

**3. Establish 2020-2021 Grant Panels [ACTION REQUIRED]**

The Committee determined the composition of the 2020-21 City of Santa Barbara Community Arts and Organizational Development grant panels.

Community Arts: Yahyavi, Adams, Smithers

Organizational Development: Freddy, Smithers, Tico

Alternate: Tepper

**4. 2020 Business in Art Award [NO ACTION REQUIRED]**

The Committee discussed the 2020 Business in Art award process and schedule. They will send nominations by August 17 to present and discuss at the August meeting.

**FUTURE ITEMS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**J. Rutherford Daly:** Staff has been in conversation with the Pianos on State partners from the Santa Barbara Bowl, Arts Collaborative, Education Foundation, and Downtown Santa Barbara to brainstorm potential ideas for this year's Pianos program. The group is developing creative ways to present this program within the current situation.

S. York Rubin: Office is about to announce *805 Inspires*, a new collaboration with 20 museums and cultural institutions and TVSB. Included are the Botanic Garden, Moxi, Historical Museum, Maritime Museum, El Presidio, SB Mission, Zoo, Sea Center, Museum of Natural History, and Lotusland.

N. Johnson: A call yesterday with County Public Health about performing arts addressed the continued prohibition of live performances. =

**ADJOURNMENT – 5:08**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Arts Advisory Committee**

Robert Adams

Frederick Janka

Kai Tepper

Marylove Thralls

Jenna Nicole Tico

William Smithers, Vice Chair

Margie Yahyavi, Chair

**Liaisons**

Oscar Gutierrez, Santa Barbara City Council

Michael Drury, H.L.C.

**SB County Arts & Culture Staff**

Julia Rutherford Daly, Curator

Hannah Rubalcava, Grants & Contracts Manager

Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director

**City of Santa Barbara Staff**

Nina Johnson, Senior Assistant to City Administrator

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