



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**SPECIAL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**  
September 17, 2020

This meeting was conducted electronically.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**CALL TO ORDER – 4:04 pm by Margie Yahyavi, Chair**

**ROLL CALL**

**Arts Advisory Committee Present:** Robert Adams, Frederick Janka, Marylove Thralls, Margie Yahyavi, Chair

**Arts Advisory Committee Absent:** Jenna Nicole Tico, William Smithers, Vice Chair, 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:** Julia Rutherford Daly, Curator, Sarah York Rubin, Exec. Director, Hannah Rubalcava, Grants/Contracts Manager

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA-** Switching items 4 and 5 on the agenda so that the “2020 Business in Art Award” will be presented before the Stearns Wharf item.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Subject: Approval of the Minutes**

The approval of the minutes from the meeting of August 20, 2020 was tabled by chair M. Yahyavi.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**1. MOXI Time Capsule and Programming**

Robin Gose, Executive Director of MOXI, provided an update on cmuseum programming taking place while the museum is closed due to Public Health restrictions. Current programs include:

- A time capsule than people can participate in by creating a 8.5x11 sized artwork that fits in a plastic sleeve protector. Art can be mailed or dropped in a box located outside the museum.
- Makerspace kits for kids: Essentials kit for older kids, junior kit for kids ages 3-7 with monthly thematic add-on kids. Kits are available for pick up or delivery.

**2. Healing Justice Public Art and Engagement**

Leticia Forney Resch, Co-Leader of Healing Justice, shared background about the *Say Their Names* Memorial project and installation in the Funk Zone, and also provided information about the work of Healing Justice. Simone Ruskamp, Co-Founder of Healing Justice, shared about the evolution of the arts and culture work. More information can be found on the Healing Justice website.

### **3. Library Call for Artists**

Molly Wetta of the Santa Barbara Public Library shared a new call for artists they are issuing in support of engagement for the Big Reads program. The selected book this year is *Big Magic* by Elizabeth Gilbert. The library received a CAC grant for 5 arts workshops and currently has a call for artists to lead the workshops virtually. Artists will be paid \$1000 stipends, and up to \$250 of that can be used for supplies. The library will produce the workshops with ASL interpretation. They are looking for at least 1 bilingual or Spanish speaking program. All information can be found on the library's website.

### **4. 2020 Business in Art Award**

F. Janka made a motion to table the conversation for the Business in Art Award so committee members could explore and potentially develop alternate or more inclusive themes. **M/S/C** Janka/Thralls. *Motion carries.*

### **5. Stearns Wharf 150-year Anniversary**

Neil Bruskin shared information about Stearns Wharf's 150-year anniversary celebration preparations for 2022 and the Stearns Wharf Business Association's desire for more public art on the Wharf.

## **FUTURE ITEMS**

Public Art Review

Cultural Planning

De La Guerra Plaza Art Opportunities

State Street AIA Charette Results

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**H. Rubalcava-** Office held the two grant workshops on Sept. 2 and Sept. 15 with over 60 people in attendance at the two webinars, which outlined the grant programs and updates.

**J. Rutherford Daly-** Pianos on State partners have continued discussion about potential ways this year's Pianos program might be realized. More updates will be presented at the next meeting.

**S. York Rubin-** The City of Santa Barbara Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation is scheduled for October. The Chairs of the City Arts Advisory Committee and City Events & Festivals Committee are planning to speak.

## **ADJOURNMENT – 5:37 pm**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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