



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2021
3:30-5:00 PM

LOCATIONS:

This meeting was conducted electronically.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER – 3:33 p.m. by Frederick Janka, Chair

ROLL CALL

Arts Advisory Committee Present: Robert Adams; Kai Tepper; Marylove Thralls, Vice Chair; Margie Yahyavi; Jenna Nicole Tico; Frederick Janka, Chair

Arts Advisory Committee Absent: None

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; Hannah Rubalcava, Grants & Contracts Manager; Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

The Committee approved the amended minutes from the meetings of March 18, 2021.
Thralls/Adams *Motion carries; unanimous*

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Poet Laureate

The Committee recognized Emma Trelles, Santa Barbara Poet Laureate, who was inducted on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. She shared information about herself and her practice and recited her poem, "Novena for Garden Street."

2. LUM Art Magazine

Debra Ollin Herrick, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of LUM Art Magazine, shared information about the contemporary art magazine for California's Central Coast and opportunities for community connection.

3. **Ortega Park Mural Community Outreach Event**

F. Janka, K. Tepper and Mark Alvarado, Founder of One Community Bridge Project, presented an update on the Ortega Park Mural community outreach process and announced an invitation to a community forum to take place at Ortega Park on April 24, 2021. Artist Barbara Parmet shared examples of recent documentary photography of the murals. The photographs may be included in a future City Hall Gallery exhibition. R. Adams shared appreciation for the organizing group coming together and that there is an open mic as part of event.

Public comment:

Patrick Davis questioned the absence of public art review at the beginning of the process and that VAPP was not primary to park design as the park is cultural asset. He noted that Santa Barbara has a rich cultural history and money for the murals needs to be prioritized.

Adriana Arriaga identified herself as a local Chicana artist and graphic designer willing to offer her skills in support of Ortega Park.

Cass Ensberg expressed appreciation to Mr. Alvarado and gratitude for local art and expression as a community.

4. **Meeting Accessibility**

The Committee discussed ways to increase accessibility for meeting participants, including but not limited to closed captioning and live translation. N. Johnson shared what is currently available or possible through the City. Cost and level of service question will be forwarded to City Administration. F. Janka requested to inquire with the City Attorney about adding a paragraph in each agenda or minutes about making request for interpretation. F. Janka also asked whether there was a way to provide captioning through affordable software. M. Thralls asked whether the City get feedback from the Spanish community if they are accessing information in Spanish.

5. **Design Charrette**

AIASB Charrette participants presented information learned and recommendations from the 2020 Design Charrette that explored strategies and opportunities to reimagine Downtown.

Tabled until May 2021 meeting

FUTURE ITEMS

Brown Act Review

Venue Reopening and Emergency Preparedness

Cultural Masterplan Update

Chromatic Gate Planned Conservation

Statement Condemning Acts of Racism and Violence Against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans

STAFF REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT – 5:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

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usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

REPORTS:

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