



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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

This meeting was conducted electronically.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER at 3:34 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: Robert Adams

Liaisons Present: Oscar Gutierrez, Santa Barbara City Council; Michael Drury, H.L.C.

City of Santa Barbara Staff Present: Nina Johnson, Senior Assistant to City Administrator; Justin Van Mullem, Associate Planner: Parks and Recreation; Eric Goodall, Engineering Project Manager, Public Works

SB County Arts & Culture Staff Present: Audrey Lopez, Public Engagement Curator; Sarah York Rubin, Exec. Director

SB County Arts & Culture Staff Absent: Hannah Rubalcava, Grants & Contracts Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

The Committee approved minutes from the meetings of June 17, 2021, and June 28, 2021. The minutes of 7/28/21 will be addended to reflect M. Yahyavi as "present". **M/S/C Yahyavi/Thralls.**
Motion Passes Unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Museums for All

Robin Gose, CEO of Moxi, shared information about a new collaborative initiative to provide free and reduced cost admission to visitors with the presentation of a SNAP Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. 19 museums in Santa Barbara County are signed up to participate to date.

2. Light Elephant Project

UCSB College of Creative Studies Assistant Teaching Professor and Practicing Artist Iman Djouini shared information about the UCSB Social Print Lab, as well as her public art photo shoots and planned student collaboration with the Stearns Wharf Business Association.

3. Ortega Park Mural Update

Committee Members Kai Tepper and Frederick Janka shared information about the recent convening with Ortega Park stakeholders regarding murals in the park, including a newly-formed murals advisory group to support Parks and Recreation with placement of the new murals and themes and types of artwork.

4. Downtown Santa Barbara Update

Downtown Santa Barbara Org. staff shared a call for art for downtown window display and the planned relaunch of the First Thursday art walk in August 2021.

5. State Street Underpass Art Infrastructure Considerations

Committee members shared suggestions with staff regarding infrastructure to best support future multidisciplinary public art exhibitions and productions in the underpass and adjacent space. Public art media for discussion consideration include but are not limited to:
murals

- sound installations
- 3-D sculptural exhibitions
- aerial exhibitions
- projection and light art
- landscape art
- potential sites for interactive and performance-based arts opportunities, including but not limited to music, dance and theatre.

Staff plans to contract a public art infrastructure firm to address and incorporate the Committee's suggestions into the structure. It is recommended that the Committee appoint an ad hoc Underpass Art Subcommittee to advise staff and other City review bodies.

Motion to add amplified to list of considerations and then to pass list of media to city staff.
M/S/C Tepper/Yahyavi. *Motion carries.*

Motion to appoint K. Cochran, M. Thralls, M. Yahyavi to form an ad hoc Underpass art subcommittee with K. Cochran to serve as chair. **M/S/C** Thralls/Tepper. *K. Cochran abstained. Motion Carries.*

FUTURE ITEMS

Arts Policy and Updates
Cultural Arts Plan
Chromatic Gate Scheduled Maintenance

STAFF REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT – 5:02 PM

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