



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes

Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery
Commissioner Covarrubias (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Commissioner Tamano (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Commissioners Absent: Ross (Leave of Absence)
Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst.
Members of the public in attendance: 2
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
2 Speakers
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) **November 20, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve the November 20, 2019 Minutes.
Vote: Ayes —Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain —None; Absent —Ross.
5. **CHAIR’S REPORT**
 - a) The Chair asked for a follow up on the status of the *Berkeley Big People* sculpture.
6. **ACTION ITEMS** (All items for discussion and possible action)
 - a) **Council Information Report on Civic Arts Grants (Attachment 2)**
Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Passmore) to approve the Report on Civic Arts Grant with noted corrections.
Vote: Ayes —Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain —None; Absent —Ross.
 - b) **Approval of Grant Application Review Panelists for FY21 Civic Arts Grants**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve the Panelists for FY21 Arts Grants with adjustments by Staff.

Vote: Ayes —Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Recused— Bullwinkel; Absent —Ross.

7. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSIONS (All items for discussion only and no action)

- a) Presentation on T1 Update by the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront; Scott Ferris on Phase 1 and information on Phase 2 development. (Attachment 3)
- b) Presentation of Findings on 1.5% for Public Art Funding Audit by Staff. (Attachment 4)

8. STAFF REPORT

- a) Reminder about elections of Chair and Vice Chair in February.
- b) Private Percent for Art Quarterly Report from supplemental attachment: 9 developers have chosen to do art on site, 19 developers have chosen to pay the in-lieu fee.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants — No Meeting
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy — Met on December, 15, 2020. Committee discussed writing a letter to Council regarding the Grant Process and making revisions to the 1.5% for Public Art Requirement to make it an ordinance and update the process to better align with current City practices.
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross
- c) Public Art — Met on January 15, 2020. The agenda included: Turtle Island update of design and progress; Po Shu's Bell design (to be continued next meeting); Council Referrals (Flag design for City of Berkeley; Artistic crosswalks on Telegraph); *Overcoming Obstacles* sculpture that was discovered in Harrison Park.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative — No report. Next meeting is February 12, 2020 at Berkeley Art Center 9:00-10:15 a.m.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative — Commissioners attended a meeting with the Visual and Performing Arts Director for BUSD who reviewed instructional hours and ways to further integrate the arts into the school day.
 - Liz Ozol
 - Hiroko Tamano (Alternate)

- f) Design Review — No Meeting in January, but Commissioner mentioned the need to add “Group Living Accommodations” as a building type to Ordinance.
- Modesto Covarrubias
- g) Civic Center Vision Subcommittee — Last meeting included presentation of findings from site surveys and workshop exercise to explore ideas for how the space could be used.
- Dana Blecher
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Hiroko Tamano

10. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Slattery) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ross.

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