



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday Feb 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, Workshop B
1901 Hearst Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jen Lovvorn called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jen Lovvorn, Julia Robertson, Weston Teruya, Kim Anno, Liz Ozol, Shiree Dyson, Robbin Henderson, Kate Mattingly (for Shannon Jackson)

Commissioners Absent: Miriam Stahl

Staff Present: Mary Ann Merker (Civic Arts Coordinator), Elise Auger (Intern)

Members of Public: Nancy Ng (Luna Dance Institute), John Caner (Downtown Berkeley Association), Alex Nolan (Executive Director Local Artists Berkeley), Rory Terrell (Artist), Ray Oliver (Designer/Artist), Sin Ming (Muralist), Leung Garber, Aimee LeDuc (Berkeley Art Center Director, Berkeley Cultural Trust), Dennis Markham (Berkeley Art Center Board Vice President), Pricilla Hine (Friends of Adeline), Edyth Boone (FOA), Tony Wilkinson (FOA)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. John Caner- Downtown Berkeley Association
 - i. Meet Me Downtown Day in March
- b. Alex Nolan- local artist, Bear sculpture
 - i. Local Artist Berkeley
- c. Friends of Adeline Representatives- Edyth Boone, Pricilla Hine, Tony Wilkinson
 - i. Seeking funds for South Berkeley mural project

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for January, 2016
First Motion to approve draft minutes: Kim Anno

Second Motion to approve draft minutes: Robbin Henderson
Motion carries unanimously

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. Grants Guidelines Revisions
- b. Cultural Trust Fund (Significant Community Benefits and Private Percent for Art) and City funding for the arts
- c. Cultural Plan RFQ
- d. BART Plaza- moved to Action Item
- e. Subcommittee Assignments
 - a. Liz Ozol to chair Education Subcommittee; previous Chair, Jen Lovvorn, to remain on subcommittee
 - b. Shiree Dyson to replace Robbin Henderson on Grants Committee

6. STAFF REPORT

- a. Additions to March 15 City Council Item on Grant Revisions
- b. Arts and Cultural Plan Update- RFQ on its way to Council
- c. Addison Street Windows Gallery last show to be June 2016 due to garage demolition
- d. Civic Center Garage 1.5% Public Art Funds to be updated by March 15th with itemized budget

7. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION

- a. Update on studio inspection of William Byron Rumford Memorial Project for South Berkeley- project moving along according to schedule, progress of artwork is impressive

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. BART Plaza Public Art
 - Motion for Civic Arts Commission to recommit to partnering with BART on the public art glass design project, to meet deadline, and to not cause any cost increases to project
 - First Motion: Jen Lovvorn
 - Second Motion: Kim Anno
 - Motion carries unanimously
- b. Approval of Revised Grant Guidelines and Application for upcoming year cycle
 - Motion to request an additional \$150,000 from Council for grants, switch to a one-year cycle, remove sit-out periods, remove new priorities (thus returning to preexisting review criteria), remove formula, add new competitive categories based on size (large-budget organizations, mid-size organizations, and individual artists) with corresponding amounts contingent on receiving requested additional funding (for large organizations: up to \$12,000, mid-size: \$8,000, individual artists: \$3,000), and retain other original revisions
 - First Motion: Jen Lovvorn
 - Second Motion: Kim Anno

- Motion carries unanimously
- c. Berkeley Arts Center’s deferred maintenance costs
 - Motion to sign and support attached letter to council requesting that Council research ways to address the deferred maintenance on city-owned buildings
 - First Motion: Kim Anno
 - Second Motion: Julia Roberston
 - Motion carries: 6 yes, 1 abstention (Shiree Dyson)
 - d. Garage Gallery Project Budget and Uses: item deferred until next meeting, Commission requires clarification on “uses”
 - e. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Motion to reelect Jen Lovvorn as Chair and Julia Robertson as Vice Chair
 - First Motion: Kim Anno
 - Second Motion: Shiree Dyson
 - Motion carries unanimously

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Grants: Arts and Film
 1. Weston Teruya, Chair
 2. Julia Robertson
 3. Kim Anno
 4. Shiree Dyson

- b. Policy:
 1. Kim Anno, Chair
 2. Jennifer Lovvorn
 3. Weston Teruya
 4. Julia Robertson

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 - Grants Revision
 - Private Percent for Art
 - BART Plaza
 - Cultural Plan Consultant RFQ

- c. Public Art Committee:
 1. Julia Robertson, Chair
 2. Jennifer Lovvorn
 3. Miriam Stahl
 4. *Seat open*

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 - Garage Gallery Plans
 - Budget higher than planned, requested itemized budget
 - Public artworks on current façade need to be salvaged and relocated

- d. Education Committee:
 - 1. Liz Ozol, Chair
 - 2. Jen Lovvorn
 - 3. Shiree Dyson
 - 4. Shannon Jackson

- e. Design Review
 - 1. Kim Anno
 - 4th Street Project: \$110 million budget

10. CONTINUING DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

12. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

13. COMMUNICATIONS

14. Retreat Parking Lot Issues

15. Process Check In

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jen Lovvorn adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Attachments:

- 1. Revised Grant Guidelines and Application (Version 2.4)
- 2. Garage Gallery Plans
- 3. BART Plaza Structure Drawings
- 4. Draft Minutes of Civic Arts Commission Meeting for January 2016
- 5. Draft Letter from Commission to Council re BAC
- 6. Letter from BAC Board President to Commission

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