



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:01**
2. **ROLL CALL; Blecher, Passmore, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Anno, Covarrubias, Slattery**

Ross 6:03 late

Tamano: 6:11 late

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**- Not a fan of the sound art being so short and repeating so often and the volume. The content is irrelevant. Works at the gelato shop. Suggests the sound rotating around the speakers. Thinks the sound project is equivalent to Bushes techniques. Doesn't think that 30 minutes is long enough.

Hearld Adler of poetry flash: Is here and exists has lived in Berkeley since 1965/66 wanted to introduce himself. @ 2905 Shattuck. Was a photo journalist in the 60's.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) January 23, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment #1)
**Correction: Kim action item E Kim said she contested the value.
Anno/Blecher-Unanimous**
 - b) February 9, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes (Attachment #2)
Ozol/Passmore-Unanimous
 - c) February 27, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment #3)
Anno/Covarrubias-Unanimous

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - a) Update on City Council action regarding Cannabis Regulations and Art Space Protections
Bullwinkel reported on it that it was late making it into packet. Jen to ask

cannibas secretary to let us know when it's on the agenda. Ben Laurie and Jessie all positive on using money from cannabis for arts.

- b) Update on City Council action regarding Measure T1 Phase 1 Projects
Jen to follow up with Christina to see what happened at council. Update on Short Term Rental Tax Revenue
Kim spoke with Jessie and he backed down. Winegraph said you need to give us a cultural plan on June 18th which is late for budget but they did get on agenda. Jill went to Laurie did not say they'd support raise. 3 strongest people for the arts are not committing for it. Policy Committee should meet ahead to org. and prioritize for agenda. Bullwinkel to talk to Kate. Anno said Rigel was all positive. Someone still needs to see Cheryl and ben? Ben may have happened/positive.
- c) Berkeley Cultural Trust's budget advocacy
- d) Thank you letter to Meyer Sound from Civic Arts Commission for their donation of sound equipment to Berkeley Unified School District (Attachment #4)
Commission can send their own letters personally but not through Commission.

6. **ACTION ITEMS** *(All items for discussion and possible action)*

- a) Approve letter from Civic Arts Commission to Meyer Sound
Off table
- b) Public Art Guidelines Revisions (Artwork Gifts Policy, Artwork Deaccession Policy and Memorial Artwork Policy) (Attachment #5)
Modesto/Blecher-unanimous
- c) Election of new Vice Chair
Motion to have Anno be vice-chair. Passmore/Ross: Yea; Blecher, Bullwinkel, Coovarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Abstained, Anno
- d) Civic Arts Commission representative to Design Review Committee
Motion to have Modesto be the temp rep. Passmore/Anno- Unanimous
- e) Civic Arts Commission representative to Berkeley Cultural Trust
Motion that Ross be a new co-rep with Lisa be the rep to the BCT: Anno/Passmore-Unanimous
- f) Civic Arts Commission representative to Berkeley Cultural Trust Executive Committee
Motion that Lisa stay as the rep- Anno/Passmore-Unanimous
- g) Request Audit by City Auditor of 1.5% Public Art Revenue
Motion to request an Audit from the city Auditor on the 1.5%: Modesto/Blecher-Unanimous

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

- a) Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement & Cultural Equity Statement (Attachment #6)
To put a group together to discuss and write.

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Update on Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund Applications
Jen submitted two applications was invited to submit a full app for the BEARS

- summer program with Berkeley rep and Kala for a 4 week long theater for 4/5th graders and a visual arts prog. 1-3rd graders?
- b) Update on New Funding for Art Space Study from Hewlett Foundation
Jen stated that Hewlett will be funding an assessment for art space study. Formulate strategies in creating and maintaining existing art spaces. Will need to be approved by Council. \$20,000 and have to do a procurement process to hire someone to do study.
 - c) Update on Grants Review Process (Approval of Panelists April 24, Panel Review Grants have been started and two workshops have been provided for support and guidance. Also have a panelist application up and would like commission to push for more panelists. Grant deadline on 4/25th. Kim to Send courtesy email to Jazz school to remind them to apply. The guidelines will need to be altered to spread out the timeline for the next year.
Meetings May 1 - 13, Grants Committee May 14 or 15)
 - d) Civic Center Exhibition opened March 1, 2019, up through February 2020
Opened and up until next year.
 - e) Telegraph Avenue Completed Trash Receptacle Mosaics (Attachment #7)
First 6 completed

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants- Nothing further
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy-meeting will need to be set.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross
- c) Public Art-Field trip to Toki site to help make final selection. Ohlone people came out asking for funding, possibly in phases. A lot of our money is on hold from the tax. A few projects may be postponed.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative- Will meet in April and Liz will need to be officially elected at that meeting. Does Hiroko want to go to those meetings? Next meeting is in April.
 - Liz Ozol
- e) Design Review- Didn't attend.
 - Matt Passmore

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Email Communication from Summer Brenner regarding art on BART Plaza (Attachment #8)

Anno- on April 3rd at 6pm at Brower center there will be a panel on the 1 mil people without drinking water.

Slattery- Follow up on the Gellato store rep. We should do something about that speaker and we should act since we're responsible. It will be done in two weeks. Hiroko suggested a softer ground might absorb the sound more. Could we look at limiting the length of time it plays a day. Maybe add in some silence.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments: 7:43

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3. February 27, 2019 Draft Minutes
4. Thank you letter to Meyer Sound from Civic Arts Commission
5. Public Art Guidelines Revisions
6. Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement Draft
7. Telegraph Avenue Completed Trash Receptacle Mosaics
8. Email Communication from Summer Brenner

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