



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes

Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: An (Temporary Appointment), Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross.

Commissioners Absent: Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Auerbach from the West Berkeley Artisans & Industrial Companies and the Berkeley Cultural Trust Space Committee spoke regarding the development of market rate live/work spaces in the industrial zone, stating that these new units threaten to increase the cost of space in the industrial zone making them unaffordable for artists. He recommends changing the wording in the City's municipal code to only allow "affordable" live/work spaces in the industrial zone.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve minutes from May 28, 2019 Special Meeting (Attachment 1).

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

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Civic Art Grants Budget for FY 2020 was approved by Council on June 25. The Grant Award Letters have been sent out to all Awardees. Chair recommends that all Commission members thank their Councilmembers.
- b) Chair requested that all subcommittees review the Civic Arts Commission's FY19 Work Plan (Attachment 2) and the Cultural Plan's action items in order to develop the Commission Work Plan for FY20 for review at the July 24th Commission meeting.
- c) As a follow up on Civic Arts funding (1.5% for Public Art), the Auditor asked that Civic Arts staff research this internally with budget staff. The result of this research is that the 1.5% calculation is based upon the capital improvement budget for the City which has not changed over the last couple of years. The Commission is questioning this method of calculating the Public Art funds and will need to approach the city attorney for clarification as to whether this complies with the ordinance.

6. STAFF REPORT

- a) BART Plaza Sound Poles: Listening Party for Ed Campion sound installation on Saturday, July 13, 8:30 – 10 PM, and the Maggi Payne sound installation is scheduled for July 18 – October 17. The artist reception and listening party is to be scheduled and details to follow.
- b) Chancellor's Community Partnership Grant for BEARS Summer Arts Program has been awarded \$15,000 for summer 2020. Berkeley Rep and Kala Art Institute are partnering with BUSD and Cal CREATE to produce the summer arts program.
- c) Update on artwork impacted by Shattuck Realignment Project: The Toki sculpture has been removed and is at the artist's studio undergoing conservation and will be relocated to its new spot in the winter. Earthsong sculpture will be removed mid-August and repainted. The sculpture is to be replaced in a new location that will be set back further from the street in an attempt to keep it from having so much graffiti and defacement.

7. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Proposed locations for installation of remaining Poetry Panels as recommended by lead project poet Robert Hass (Attachment 3)**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve the locations for the installation of the remaining Poetry Panels.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol; Nays – None; Abstain – Ross; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.
- b) **Selection Panel Summary and Selected finalists for T1 Bond project at San Pablo Park: Michael Arcega, Collette Crutcher, Mildred Howard, and Miriam Klein Stahl (Attachments 4 and 5).**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve the selected finalists: Michael Arcega, Collette Crutcher, Mildred Howard, and Miriam Klein Stahl for the San Pablo Park Public Art Project.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.
- c) **Revised FY20 Private Percent for Art Budget Due to Additional Funds Received In FY19 (Attachment 6)**
Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Anno) to approve the FY20 Private Percent for Art budget with the following changes: Addition of \$5,000 to the Homeless/Social Practice Project and minus \$5,000 from the reinstallation of Diana Rossi's mosaic.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.
- d) **Approval of Artist Sofie Ramos for Cube Space installation, December 14, 2019-March 1, 2020. (Attachment 7).**
Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Ross) to approve Sofie Ramos to create an installation for the Cube Space which will be on display from December 14, 2019 – March 1, 2020.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross; Nays – None; Abstain None; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.

- e) **Approval of Queen Shamiram sculpture to be installed at a location within Civic Center Park with the exact location to be determined as part of the Civic Center Planning Process.**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve the installation of the Queen Shamiram sculpture at a location in proximity to the Old City Hall (instead of in the Civic Center Park) as part of the Civic Center Planning Process.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.
- f) **Approval of Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement (Attachment 8)**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve the attached Mission Statement.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano
- g) **Approval of Jennifer Ross as alternate representative to Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative and remove her as alternate representative to Berkeley Cultural Trust.**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve Jennifer Ross as an alternate representative to the Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee and to remove her as alternate representative to the Berkeley Cultural Trust.
Vote: Ayes – An, Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Ross; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Passmore, Slattery, Tamano.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants - None
- John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy - Chris Worthington attended and spoke about grants. Affordable Housing policy to be written by Kim Anno and Hadley Dynak and the draft to be presented to City Council before next Commission meeting.
- Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross
- c) Public Art - None
- Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative - None
- Lisa Bullwinkel

- e) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative - Last meeting was canceled. They have received a grant for BEARS Summer Art Program for summer 2020.
 - Liz Ozol
- f) Design Review - Update regarding two new building projects which were reviewed.
 - Modesto Covarrubias

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATION

- Commissioner Anno announced her opening for her Cuba project Thursday, August 22nd from 6 - 8 p.m. at 1275 Minnesota in San Francisco.
- Commissioner Bullwinkel invited all to come to the 4th of July celebration at the Berkeley Marina.
- Commissioner Covarrubias announced his opening on July 19th at the Montalvo Arts Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ross) to Adjourn.

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

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