

Minutes

Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:05 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery.
Commissioner Tamano arrived at 6:07 p.m.
Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
2 Speakers
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) July 24, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment 3)
Action: M/S/C (Ozol/Covarrubias) to approve July 24, 2019 Draft Minutes.
Vote: Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Tamano; Nays – None; Abstain – Slattery; Absent – None.
5. **CHAIRS REPORT**
 - a) The Chair stated that the presentation on the Cultural Plan at the September 17 Council Work Session was very well received and supported by Council.
 - b) The Chair reported that three Civic Arts Commissioners attended a joint meeting on September 9 of various Commissions including the Public Works Commission, Parks and Waterfront Commission, and Landmarks Commission to meet the consultants selected to develop a vision for Civic Center, City Hall, and Veterans Building and kick off the planning project. These commissions will be consultants throughout the process of developing the vision. Four Civic Arts Commissioners volunteered to serve on a subcommittee for this project: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Tamano.
 - c) The Chair presented a draft Council Information Report regarding Short Term Rental Revenue and Arts Funding (Attachment 2) and explained that if the Civic Arts Commission votes to approve this information report, it will be submitted to Council to coincide with their discussion of Short Term Rental Revenue this fall.

The Chair reported on the Commission's request for an audit of the 1.5% for Public Art Funding. Staff indicated that the audit should be ready for the Commission's October meeting. The Chair further reported that the Policy Committee met to review the enabling legislation (Resolution 60.048N.S.). The Commission discussed making revisions to the legislation language and submitting it to Council with a recommendation that it be an ordinance. Commissioner Passmore volunteered to work on this along with the other members of the Public Art Committee and the Policy Committee.

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

a) **Approve Report to Council from Civic Arts Commission Regarding Short Term Rental Revenue (Attachment 4).**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve Report to Council with revisions.

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

b) **Approve Annual Commission Work Plan FY20.**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve with addition of a Policy Committee item: #12 (With Public Art Committee) Advocate to Council to establish an ordinance to properly implement the 1.5% for Public Art requirement for City Construction Projects.

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

c) **Heart Sounds Bench – Proposal for Temporary Display of Public Art (Attachment 5).**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Slattery) to approve pending confirmation by staff that the following recommendations have been implemented: make adjustments for ADA compliance; add more script with directions for use; and add visual art graphics.

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

d) **Diana Rossi Mosaic – Approval of budget allocation of additional \$5,000 for installation location at Live Oak Park (Attachment 6). *Tabled.***

e) **North Berkeley Senior Center – Approval of Final Artwork Design by Masayuki Nagase including Eucalyptus Paver Design and Layout for Artwork (Attachment 7).**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve the final revised designs for the North Berkeley Senior Center.

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

f) **Accept Suite of Civic Art Grant Funded Photos by Orin Rutchick into Civic Arts Collection.**

Action: M/S/C (Ozol/Blecher) to approve the acceptance of Orin Rutchick donated series of 10 preselected photographs.

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

7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION** (All items for discussion only and no action)
None

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Berkeley Big People – Emeryville Council asked Emeryville staff to research what it would take to accept the Recreation themed sculpture. Staff will keep the Commission informed as more is known.
- b) Civic Art Program Activities Gantt Chart (Attachment 8)
- c) Schedule for this year's Civic Arts Grants Process – see Activity Chart above.
- d) Recent Receptions: Cube Space & BART Plaza – success.
- e) Update on Art Space Study Procurement – underway.
- f) Update on San Pablo Park Public Art Proposals – on display until October 4.
- g) Update on Shattuck Realignment & Associated Public Art – underway.
- h) Update on Program Marketing - Email Newsletter Coming Soon!
- i) Update on Collection Inventory Status – underway. Estimated completion in October.
- j) Grants Funding by District Report (Attachment 9)
- k) Reminder that November Commission meeting is on November 20 due to Thanksgiving.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants – No meeting.
 - Jon Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy – The Policy Committee met on 9/13/19 to discuss a recommendation to Council regarding Short Term Rental (STR) revenue and possible changes to the language in the 1.5% for Public Art Requirement.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross
- c) Public Art – The Public Art Committee met on 9/20/19 to discuss the upcoming 2nd selection panel for the San Pablo Park. They also noted that the City of

Emeryville has shown interest in perhaps obtaining one of the “*Big People*” sculptures by Scott Donahue, (specifically the recreation themed one).

- Matt Passmore, Chair
- Kim Anno
- Dana Blecher
- Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative – At the 9/11/19 meeting the attendees broke out into small groups to discuss and document organizational resources needed and offered by members in the room. This list will be reviewed at a later date in hopes of sharing these resources amongst the local organizations.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative – This group met on 9/23/19 to discuss the Art Education Steering Committee work plan.
- Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross (Alternate)
- f) Design Review – Commissioner Covarrubias attended the Design Review meeting on 9/19/19 and reported that there are more buildings in the queue that will have on-site art or in-lieu fees.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Memo from Berkeley Repertory Theatre (Attachment 10)
- b) Letter from Beatriz Leyva-Cutler regarding the Grant process and their Organization; the Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Commemorative Committee. (Attachment 11)
- c) UC Chancellors Grant Kick of October 21st at 4:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn.

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Anno) Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

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

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