

Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday April 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

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1. CALL TO ORDER

6:40 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Matthew Passmore, John Slattery, Kevan Jenson, Elizabeth Ozol, Jennifer Lovvorn, Shannon Jackson, Aida Gamez, Kim Anno

Late: Terry Taplin (6:56 p.m.)

Staff: Mary Ann Merker, Secretary to the Civic Arts Commission, Jessica Moreno, Intern

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Garnick (Photographer), Dennis Markham (Berkeley Art Center), Leslie Larson (North Atlantic Books), Carol Lashof (Those Women Productions), Libby Black (Artist).

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Summary of meeting to align Berkeley Cultural Trust and Civic Arts Commission efforts. Quarterly joint meetings approved unanimously in said meeting.
- b) Council Person Worthington and Council Person Hahn have put an item on the May 2, 2017 City Council agenda regarding increase in funds for Civic Arts Program.
- c) Commissioners will go alongside Berkeley Cultural Trust members to advocate the item on the May 2, 2017 City Council Meeting.
- d) Introduced Kevan Jenson, new Civic Arts Commissioner, to the Civic Arts Commission.

5. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Approve March 22, 2017 Minutes

First: Kevan Jenson

Second: John Slattery

Passed Unanimously

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Action to approve letter from Commission concerning additional funding for grant program

First: Jennifer Lovvorn

Second: Elizabeth (Liz) Ozol

Passed Unanimously

- b. Action to approve letter regarding Berkeley Repertory Theatre's proposed building.
Unanimous decision to table until more information can be gathered.
- c. Action to approve the T1 Bond recommendations.
First: Aida Gamez
Second: Elizabeth (Liz) Ozol
Passed: Unanimously

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Grant Committee:** Civic Arts Grant applications have been distributed amongst the 5 reviewers.
- b) **Public Art Committee:** April 17, 2017 subcommittee meeting moved to May 1, 2017 for technical reasons.
- c) **Education Committee:** Berkeley middle schools are going to be hiring dance teachers to teach 0 period. LCAP has no language in regards to the arts and is set until 2021.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a) Berkeley Repertory Theatre wants to construct 44 units for their employees to alleviate their costs, as well as to use these units for low-cost rehearsal space.
- b) Increase the budget for the Civic Arts Program, and increase the Public Percent for the Art from 1.5% to 2%.
- c) Lisa Bullwinkel wrote a letter in regards to the policy in distribution of funds for festivals.

9. STAFF REPORT

- a) Welcomed Jessica Moreno, the new paid hourly intern for the Civic Arts Program.
- b) The BART Plaza will be multi-use (dance, performance, music, etc.) and expected to be completed November 2017-January 2018.
- c) There will be a Request for Proposals (RFP) for sound poles for the BART Plaza.
- d) Please spread out the information on the survey for the Arts and Cultural Plan, created by MIG.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) John Slattery has volunteered to join the Design Review Meetings on the second Thursdays of the month.
- b) Discussion on commemorating Hate Man's passing, once a central figure at People's Park.

11. OTHER

12. ADJOURNMENT


8:45 p.m.

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