



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

**Minutes**  
**Civic Arts Commission**  
Wednesday June 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

6:32 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** John Slattery, Jennifer Lovvorn, Shannon Jackson, Kim Anno, Terry Taplin, Kevan Jenson

**Absent:** Liz Ozol, Aida Gamez, Matthew Passmore

**Tardy:** Shannon Jackson, 7:16 p.m.

**Staff:** Jordan Klein, Acting Economic Development Manager, Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator, Jessica Moreno, Intern

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Diana Maria Rossi
- Hiroko Tamano

**4. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES**

Approve May 24, 2017 Minutes

First: John Slattery

Second: Terry Taplin

Passed Unanimously

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Meet in your assigned subcommittees to make work plans.
- b) The Civic Arts grants increase was approved by City Council.
- c) Policy subcommittee will discuss altering the process of festival funding.
- d) The Private Percent for Art program is now leveled throughout Berkeley.
- e) Policy subcommittee will create guidelines for flexible funding pool.

**6. STAFF REPORT**

- a) The BART Plaza Light Poles will go to City Council.
- b) The Arts and Culture Plan needs to be done by August.
- c) There will be a new staff member coming in July 17 for the Civic Arts Program.
- d) Presented a short PowerPoint presentation with summarized information for the Civic Arts Commission in regards to their position.

**7. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

- a) Commission would like a percentage of Airbnb tax to go to the Civic Arts Program.
- b) Berkeley “Big People” will be discussed with the City Attorney.
- c) Discussion of mural for Center for Independent Living-sites, concepts, will be discussed in the Public Art subcommittee.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Action to support Mayor’s recommendation of 1/3 of Airbnb tax going to the Civic Arts Program and 2/3 to housing.  
 First: Shannon Jackson  
 Second: John Slattery  
 5 approve, 1 abstention, Terry Taplin. The motion passes.
- b) Action to support Kala Art Institute’s NEA application for Our Town  
 First: Kevan Jenson  
 Second: Terry Taplin  
 5 approve, 1 abstention, Shannon Jackson. The motion passes.
- c) Action to approve Scenario 3 for the Civic Arts Grants, removing the lowest scoring applicants from funding, and adopting Scenario 2 for grant distribution.  
 First: Kim Anno  
 Second: Shannon Jackson  
 Passed unanimously

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants:  
 Will gather ideas for amendments to the Civic Arts grant process and festival funding process.
- b) Policy:  
 Discussed short term rental funding for the arts and had a general discussion on City’s arts funding. Also discussed the Private Percent for the Arts.
- c) Education:  
 The Arts Education working group with MIG for the Arts and Culture Plan will take place July 18, 2017.
- d) Public Art

Discussed the “Big People” statue reparation process, and possible programming for the BART Plaza. Also need more research for the Mr. Rumford lighting.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) There will be a Fourth of July Festival in the Berkeley Marina with music, food, and games.

**11. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**9:05 p.m.**

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