



Civic Arts Commission

Office of Economic Development

## Draft Minutes

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Wednesday July 26 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

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Jen Lovvorn is excused from this meeting  
Welcome new Civic Arts staff Chrystal Mota*

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**6:33 pm**

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Kim Anno, Shannon Jackson, John Slattery, Kevan Jenson, Liz Ozol, Aida Gamez, Matthew Passmore

**Absent:** Jennifer Lovvorn, Terry Taplin

**Staff:** Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator, Chrystal Mota, Civic Arts Analyst

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kirk Peterson and Associates, Addison Street Building Project
- Kathryn Roszak, Danse Lumiere
- Dennis Markum, Berkeley Art Center, Chair of the Board of Directors

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve June 28, 2017 Minutes

First: Shannon Jackson

Second: Kevan Jenson

Passed Unanimously

#### 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Discussed joint meeting with BCT on capital improvements, paid fellowship program and ideas for future policy
- b) Festival funding no updates-carried over to September Council meeting

**6. STAFF REPORT**

- a) Introduction to Civic Arts staff Chrystal Mota
- b) Arts and Culture Plan needs to be completed by September or early October
- c) MIG Civic Arts Grants working group will be meeting Thursday July 27, 2017
- d) Reopening of BART Plaza Sculpture RFP
- e) Planning Commission hearing for the Private percent for the Arts approved increased to 1.75% and will be referred back to Council
- f) No new staff updates on the Repertory Theatre

**7. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

- a) Discuss how to bring in more candidates for the Individual Artist category of the Civic Arts Grant
- b) T1 discussion on combining Civic Park with Veterans building
- c) Discuss ideas for community benefits with the Cultural Arts Fund
- d) Kirk E. Peterson and Associates will present the relocation plan for the Addison Poetry panels, maintaining them in original sequence
- e) Discuss how the arts community can assist the homeless community - long range plan

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

- a) Action to approved Kirk E. Peterson and Associates relocation plan for the Addison Poetry Panels, while maintaining them in the original sequence they were placed in  
First: Kevan Jenson  
Second: Kim Anno  
Passed unanimously. The motion passes  
Request that staff notify the poets that their panel is being moved
- b) Action to extend the BART Plaza Sculpture RFP for an additional month.  
First: Shannon Jackson  
Second: Aida Gamez  
Passed unanimously. The motion passes.
- c) Action to add Commissioner Kevan Jenson to the Design Review Board.  
First: Kim Anno  
Second: Shannon Jackson  
Passed unanimously. The motion passes.
- d) Action to amend Civic Arts Grants Guidelines

- 1) Will no longer allow applicants with previously funded projects to apply for funding two years in a row under the same project
  - 2) Will raise the caps of the funding to the following:
    - Individual Artists: \$5,000
    - Small-to-Mid Organizations under \$500,000: \$10,000
    - Large Organizations \$500,000 and above: \$15,000
  - 3) Non-profit organizations with an ongoing art program must submit the budget for the art program only, and are not required to submit the whole organizational budget.
  - 4) All organizations applying are not required to file their budget with the California Data Project for the Civic Arts Grants Program.
- #1 and #2 were voted on. Remaining will be discussed at next commission meeting  
First: Liz Ozol  
Second: Aida Gamez  
Passed unanimously. The motion passes

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants  
Raising the grant cap. The final report has been revised and will be emailed.
- b) Policy  
\$750,000 cultural arts funds
- c) Public Art  
Edith Boom working with Friends with Adeline interested in community mural working with the homeless. Seeking \$10,000 public art fund to support project
- d) Education  
Meeting will convene 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in September

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

John Slattery announced Film screening party for Hate Man on August 25<sup>th</sup>

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

8:37pm

- Attachments: 1) June 2017 Civic Arts Commission Minutes  
2) Amended Civic Arts grants Final Report  
3) Amended Civic Arts grants guidelines  
4) July 13, 2017 Community Meeting Minutes**

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