



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday May 24 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

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1. CALL TO ORDER

6:30 pm

2. ROLL CALL

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Approve April 26, 2017 Minutes

First: Aida Gamez

Second: Shannon Jackson

Passed Unanimously

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Discussed subcommittees and ensured everyone is satisfied with their subcommittee assignments.
- b) Strategized and scheduled Commissioners to attend City Council meetings.
- c) Reviewed Grant scoring strategy and scores.

6. STAFF REPORT

- a) The City of Berkeley is working on its contracts for the BART Plaza Sound and Light poles. There will be a meeting June 12th 2017, where BART, the City of Berkeley, Matt Lavine for the Sound, Alice Presson for the Light, and the Public Art Subcommittee chair Matt Passmore will meet and clarify any questions.

- b) There will be a community workshop on May 30th, 2017 where the public have an opportunity to give input on the Arts and Culture Plan. Elizabeth Ozol will replace Kim Anno as a speaker.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION

- a) Berkeley Repertory Theater wants to propose construction.
- b) The Commission will consult the City Attorney regarding the “Big People” statues.
- c) There will be a letter made in regards of the T1 Bond language for next meeting.
- d) Commission would like a percentage of AirBnB tax to go to the Civic Arts Program.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a) Action to approve the Civic Arts Grants scores and grant amounts for calendar year 2017-18, including 2 possible funding scenarios, depending on Council approving funding.
First: Jennifer Lovvorn
Second: Shannon Jackson
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 T1 Funding for Functional Public Art
No action taken
- d) Action to increase Public Art in Private Development from 1% to 1.75%
First: Shannon Jackson
Second: Aida Gamez
7 vote yes, 2 abstain; Terry Taplin and John Slattery. Motion passes.
- e) Action to approve direct tax revenue from short-term rentals towards ongoing funding for the Arts and Housing
First: Kevan Jenson
Second: Shannon Jackson
Passed Unanimously
- f) Action to approve Public Art Budget
First: Jennifer Lovvorn
Second: Shannon Jackson
Passed Unanimously

g) Action to elect Commissioner Kevan Jenson to Design review

First: Matthew Passmore
Second: Shannon Jackson
Passed Unanimously

h) Action to reelect Chair of Commission Kim Anno

First: Shannon Jackson
Second: Elizabeth Ozol
Passed Unanimously

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Grants:

There will be a meeting this upcoming month to adjust the language used in the grants guidelines as well as for festival funding.

b) Policy:

a) General discussion regarding City's arts funding, Cultural Planning Process, the Chancellor Grant Study, short term rentals funding for the arts and Berkeley Rep letter next steps

c) Education:

Conducting case study of after school programs.

d) Public Art

Discussed with Berkeley Symphony the possibility of performing at the new BART Plaza

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

a) There will an evening screening on the Berkeley Art and Film Archive big outdoor screen on June 24th, 2017 that will commemorate Hate-Man and his legacy.

b) Civic Arts Commissioner Aida Gamez is having an art show June 2- July 22 in the Transmission Gallery in Oakland, CA.

11. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

12. ADJOURNMENT

9:05 p.m.

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