



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Civic Arts Commission

Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano
Commissioners Absent: Ozol

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Kimberly Dooley from Berkeley Playhouse at the Julia Morgan Theater made comment regarding her organization not having been recommended to receive any Civic Arts Grants funding and asked for reconsideration.
 - Lucy Holmes-Higgin from Strides Against Breast Cancer made comment regarding not having been recommended to receive any funding from the Festivals application and asked for reconsideration.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve minutes from April 24, 2019 Civic Arts Commission meeting (Attachment #1)
Vote: Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Ozol.
5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - a) The chair announced an update on the advocacy efforts to include Affordable Housing for Artists and Cultural Workers in City of Berkeley's plans for Measure O. She relayed that research on the topic was given to Council Member Hahn to support any legislative efforts she might make to include affordable housing/workspaces for artists.

- b) She announced that at the Policy Committee meeting on May 2, it was determined that the Cultural Equity Statement as included in the Cultural Plan could serve as the Commission's Cultural Equity Statement. (Attachment #2).
- c) She recommended that each subcommittee go through the previous year's Civic Arts Commission Annual Work Plan in their meetings over the coming months and determine what the coming year's Annual Work Plan should include.

5. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) The Council Work Session on Cultural Plan has been postponed to September 17, 2019.
- b) Staff reported that a listening Party for Ed Campion's sound installation on BART Plaza is scheduled for July 13th, 8:30 – 10pm. Details to follow.
- c) The installation by Dimitra Skandali in the Cube Space will open on June 8 and be up through August 10, 2019. The opening reception date to be determined.
- d) The Public Art Guidelines Revisions were approved by Council on April 30, 2019.
- e) Grant Funding for Art Space Study from Hewlett Foundation is on June 11, 2019 City Council agenda for approval.
- f) Staff met with the City Clerk's office and received clarification on roll call as noted on the minutes. It was confirmed that the times when Commissioners arrive and leave are to be included on the minutes.

6. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION** *(All items for discussion only and no action)*

- a) Discussion on draft of the Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement as developed by the Policy Committee (Attachment #4). Commissioner Anno read the Mission Statement draft. The Commissioners made several revisions and corrections which will be reflected in the new Mission Statement that will be included with next month's agenda to be formally approved.

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

- a) **Approval of Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers**
Presented by Telegraph Business Improvement District (Attachment #5).
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers - Topper Designs.
Vote: Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Ozol.

- b) **Approval of Revised Design for Two Carved Stone Wall Inserts by Masayuki Nagase**
Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Blecher) to approve revised design for two carved stone wall Inserts by Masayuki Nagase for North Berkeley Senior Center (Attachment #6).
Vote: Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Ozol.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross
- c) Public Art
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative
 - Liz Ozol
- e) Design Review
 - Modesto Covarrubias

Commissioners Bullwinkel and Ross recused themselves and departed meeting at 7:32 p.m.

10. ACTION ITEMS Cont'd *(All items for discussion and possible action)*

- c) **Review and Approval of Civic Arts Grant Awards for FY2020 as recommended by the Civic Arts Grants Committee (Attachment #7)**
Action: M/S/C (Slattery/Blecher) to approve the final Civic Arts Grant Awards for FY2020 as revised at the meeting.
Vote: Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bullwinkel, Ozol, Ross.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Commissioner Anno announced the opening for her film about Cuba on August 22, 2019.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

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

Attachments:

1. April 24, 2019 Draft Minutes
2. Cultural Equity Statement
3. Civic Arts Commission's FY19 Work Plan

4. Draft of the Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement
5. Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers - Topper Designs
6. Revised Design for Two Carved Stone Wall Inserts by Masayuki Nagase for North Berkeley Senior Center
7. Recommended Civic Arts Grant Awards for FY2020

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