



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

## Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday September 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**6:34 pm**

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

**Late:** Jen Lovvorn, 6:44 p.m., Megan Hoetger, 6:42 p.m.

**Absent:** Shannon Jackson (excused), Terry Taplin

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve July 26, 2017 Minutes

First: Liz Ozol

Second: Matthew Passmore

Passed Unanimously

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Discussed festival funding and equity in the Arts and Culture Plan and the Civic Arts Budget.
- b) Discussed advocating the arts receive a portion of the Cannabis tax and the Transient occupancy tax

6. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Update on the Arts and Culture Plan and the next steps in the process.
- b) Update on the downtown BART Plaza Sculpture RFP.
  - The selection panel will meet to review applications.
- c) The Downtown Berkeley Association would like to collaborate with the Civic Arts Commission to activate the new downtown BART Plaza.

7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

- a) Civic Arts staff will discuss with the Parks Department the possibility of placing the Diana Maria Rossi sculpture “Good Fortune” in a park.
- b) The Civic Arts Commission recommends the discussion of Wallace Johnson’s Commemorative plaque go to the BART Board.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a) **Action to refer the creation and selection of a flag for the City of Berkeley to the Public Art Subcommittee.**  
First: Kim Anno  
Second: Aida Gamez  
7 approve, 1 abstention, Jen Lovvorn. The motion passes.
  
- b) **Action to refer the development of a clear policy concerning the City’s provision of insurance, permit waivers and security for festivals to the Policy Subcommittee.**  
First: Liz Ozol  
Second: Aida Gamez  
Motion passes unanimously.
  
- a) **Request a dedication of a portion of the funds for the Transient Occupant tax and the Cannabis manufacturing and dispensing, and growing program to go towards the Civic Arts Program.**  
First: Kevan Jenson  
Second: Jen Lovvorn  
Motion passes unanimously.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants
  - Discussed festival funding and shared a rough draft of the application process. There will be further discussion on developing clear policy around festivals and how they are funded.
  
- b) Policy
  - Subcommittee will be setting up a meeting for this month.

c) Public Art

- Discussed the maintenance of Mr. Rumford statue and will follow up with Public Works on cleaning the site around the statue. There has also been more research done on the possible lighting set-ups for the statue.
- The HERE/THERE sculpture in South Berkeley is around homeless encampments and there is the possibility of it tipping over with sufficient interaction.
- The Selection Panel will meet to begin the review process for the downtown Berkeley BART Plaza sculpture.

d) Education

- Drafts were shared of the Chancellor's Grant report and ask for feedback from the Civic Arts Commission.
- Discussed enhancing after school low-income program with a summer program.
- The Arts and Culture Plan will discuss these findings in their draft.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

- Kim is participating in an art exhibition at the Patricia Sweetow Gallery, 480 23rd St, Oakland, CA 94612 until October 21, 2017.
- Kim will also be the Producer/Artist for Oakland Winter Live, December 8-9, 2017 in the Oakland Asian Cultural Center.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

8:40pm

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