



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

6:04 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Kim Anno, Dana Blecher, Lisa Bullwinkel, Modesto Covarrubias, Liz Ozol, Matthew Passmore, Jennifer Ross, John Slattery, Hiroko Tamano

Staff: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Willy Phillips addressed the Commission to remind them to use an equity lens when making Commission decisions.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) January 23, 2019 Draft Minutes (*Attachment #1*)

Action: The motion was tabled. To be put on next month's agenda.

b) February 9, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes (*Attachment #2*)

Action: The motion was tabled. To be put on next month's agenda.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

a) Commissioner Anno reported on the progress that the Commission has made during her two-year term.

b) She further reported on the budget advocacy work that is being done by Berkeley Cultural Trust and the Civic Arts Commission.

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

a) Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers (*Attachment #3*)

No Action

b) Budget allocation of \$5,000 from remaining FY19 Public Art Budget for Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers

Action: (Motion/Second: Anno/Bullwinkel) Motion to fund the Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers with \$5000 taken from the Private Percent for Art Fund's poetry panels installation budget.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

- c) Budget allocation of \$6,000 from FY19 Public Art Budget for legal consulting on remaining public art policies and gift agreement.
Action (Motion/Second: Anno/Blecher) Motion to take allocated \$6,000 from the Private Percent for Art Fund: \$5,000 taken from the poetry panels installation budget and \$1,000 from the Cube budget.

Ayes: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano;
Abstain: Ross

- d) Selected artist Masayuki Nagase and his proposal for North Berkeley Senior Center T1 Bond Project. Alternate: Aileen Barr. (Attachment #4)
Action: (Motion/Second: Passmore/Blecher) Motion to accept the NBSC selection panel's choice of Masayuki Nagase's proposal for North Berkeley Senior Center.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

- e) Request to Council and Cannabis Commission to adopt policies similar to Oakland to protect arts spaces from being displaced by cannabis business (Attachment #5)
Action: (Motion/Second: Anno/Bullwinkel) Motion to have three Commissioners work on a Council Report requesting that Council make a referral to the Cannabis Commission and the Civic Arts Commission to develop a policy to protect arts spaces from being displaced by cannabis business.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

- f) Selection and voting process for Chair and Vice Chair
Action: (Motion/Second: Anno/Slattery) Motion to approve Lisa Bullwinkel as the Civic Arts Commission Chairperson.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

Action: (Motion/Second: Anno/Ozol) Motion to approve Matthew Passmore as the Civic Arts Commission Vice Chairperson.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

- g) **Emergency Action:** (Motion/Second: Ozol/Bullwinkel) Motion to make the finding under the Brown Act that there is an urgent need to approve the use of FY20 Grant Funds to pay for review panelists and further that the urgent action came to the attention of staff after the Civic Arts Commission agenda for February 27, 2019 was already posted.

Ayes: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Ross; Abstain: Tamano

Emergency Action: (Action/Second: Bullwinkel/ Covarrubias) Motion to approve the use of FY20 Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500 for grant review panel related expenses such as panelist fees at \$500 per panelist for Individual Artists Category; \$1,000 per panelist for the Arts Organization Category \$1000; and \$750 per panelists for the

Festivals Category; and food for meetings.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

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

- a) Measure T1 Infrastructure Bond Program Update: Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (Attachment #6)
- b) Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement Draft (Attachment #7) (Tabled)

8. STAFF REPORT (Tabled)

- a) Update on Short Term Rental Tax Revenue
- b) Update on Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund applications
- c) Update on new funding from Hewlett Foundation
- d) Update on Grants Review Process
- e) Civic Center Exhibition opens March 1, 2019, 4 – 5:30 PM

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Tabled)

- 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
 - Matt Passmore

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Email Communication from Diana Rossi (Attachment #8)

12. ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 p.m.

Attachments:

1. January 23, 2019 Draft Minutes
2. February 9, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes

3. Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers
4. Masayuki Nagase proposal for North Berkeley Senior Center
5. Oakland Ordinance to Protect Live Work Art Spaces from Displacement by Cannabis
6. Measure T1 Infrastructure Bond Program Update
7. Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement Draft
8. Email Communication from Diana Rossi

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