



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, January 23, 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**

6:01 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absence: Hiroko Tamano (unexcused)

Late: Jennifer Ross (arrived 6:08 PM)

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action (Motion/Second: Ozol/Slattery) to approve minutes from November 18, 2019 Civic Arts Commission Meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous; Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Ross, Tamano

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Welcomed new Commissioners Modesto Covarrubias and Jennifer Ross
- b) Retreat Reminder – Saturday, February 9, 2019, noon – 5 PM
- c) Cannabis Regulations and Arts Funding. Civic Arts Commission will not be involved in the details of the regulations except to recommend that the Cannabis Commission include protections to ensure that art spaces are not displaced by Cannabis businesses. There is interest in advocating for some of the funds generated by these regulations to support the arts.

- d) Affordable Housing Measures: Measure O was passed by voters which will dedicate \$135 million to affordable housing in Berkeley. City Council held its first work session on the topic on January 15, 2019. Berkeley Cultural Trust helped advocate for affordable housing for artists as part of the discussions. Council is just beginning to make plans to structure how the bond funds will be spent, but their discussion reflected an interest in using a variety of strategies that ranged from small scale to large affordable housing developments. The Chair invited Rick Auerbach to explain the art space survey he conducted for the City in 2008. Mr. Auerbach suggested that it might be good to reexamine the artist protections that were written into the City's zoning codes to ensure that art spaces remain affordable for artists and that zoning is not exploited to create luxury lifestyle lofts which would not be affordable for practicing artists.

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

- a) Final Grants Guidelines & Revised Civic Art Grants Guidelines
Action: Bullwinkel/Anno to approve the Final Grants Guidelines & Revised Civic Art Grants Guidelines. The motion carried.

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

- b) John Toki "s-Hertogenbosch" sculpture relocation site
Action: The motion was tabled.

- c) Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers

Action: Bullwinkel/Passmore to reject the design and to request new designs for the topper elements for the markers.

Amendment: Anno/Passmore to amend the motion to request that the each topper element be unique and relate to the story and area that it marks. The amendment motion carried.

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

- d) 1947 Center Street Lobby art display program/Install permanent work
Action: Ozol/Bullwinkel to approve discontinuing curated rotating exhibitions in the lobby of 1947 Center Street and instead install permanent artwork in the lobby. The motion carried.

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

- e) Joseph Slusky donation of "Innerscape 8"

Action: Covarrubias/Blecher to accept the donation of "Innerscape 8" by Joseph

Slusky, valued at \$800. The motion carried. (*Note: Kim Anno questioned the validity of the evaluation amount.)

Ayes: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery;
Nays: None; Abstained: Ross; Absent: Tamano

- f) Public Art Committee recommendation to decline participation in Alameda County Hometown Herd

Action: Anno/Passmore to decline participation in the Alameda County Hometown Herd. The motion carried.

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

- g) Slate of artists for 2020 Civic Center Exhibition

Action: Anno/Blecher to approve the slate of artists for the 2020 Civic Center Exhibition. The motion carried.

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

- h) Proposed Ohlone Mural plantings and stone sculpture by Jean LeMarr, presented by Stephen Most

Action: The motion was tabled.

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

- a) Subcommittee Assignments: Lisa Bullwinkel has stepped down from Grants Committee. Modesto Covarrubias has joined Public Art Committee. Jennifer Ross will be added to Policy Committee. The Arts Education Committee will disband because it is duplicative of the Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee (BAESC) which has all the stakeholders for arts education related initiatives. Liz Ozol will continue to represent the Commission at BAESC. Any other Commissioners are welcome to attend the BAESC meetings. There was further discussion about the possibility of appointing two Civic Arts Commissioners to the Design Review Committee who could alternate attending the meetings.

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Update – included as an attachment.
b) Updated Commission Roster – included as an attachment.
c) Announce Public Process for Update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – included as an attachment.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants

Grants Committee had a joint meeting with Policy on January 8 to do a final

review of the Festival Grants Guidelines and revised guidelines for Arts Organizations and Individual Artists.

b) Policy

See Grants Committee report.

c) Public Art

The Public Art Committee met on January 17 and discussed:

- John Toki “s-Hertogenbosch” sculpture relocation
- Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers
- 1947 Center Street Lobby art display program/Install permanent work
- Joseph Slusky donation of “Innerscape 8” (Value \$800)
- Alameda County Hometown Herd
- Draft Policies for: Deaccessions; Gifts; and Monuments, Memorial Artworks & Commemorative Plaques
- Homelessness Social Practice Art Project Discussion

d) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee (BAESC) Representative

There was no BAESC meeting in January.

e) Design Review

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Announce elections of new Chair and Vice Chair in February

12. ADJOURNMENT

8:00pm

13.

Attachments:

1. November 28, 2018 Draft Minutes
2. Civic Art Grant Guidelines
3. John Toki "s-Hertogenbosch" sculpture relocation
4. Telegraph Historical Walking Tour Markers
5. Joseph Slusky donation of "Innerscape 8"
6. Alameda County Hometown Herd
7. Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Update
8. Updated Commission Roster
9. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

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