

Approved Meeting Minutes

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE AND ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 26, 2009 - 6:00 P.M.

Redevelopment Conference Room

337 Locust St.

Santa Cruz, California 95060

Chairs T. Gordon and L. Marelick called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Linda Bixby, Chip, Michele David, Timerie Gordon, co-chair; Gabriel Harrison, Lin Marelick, co-chair

Absent: Peter McGettigan

Staff: Crystal Birns, Arts Program Manager

Guests: David Anderson, Arts Commission applicant

Statements of Disqualification - none

Oral Communications - none

Announcements

- C Birns reminded those present of T Praxel's impending departure from the City 1/30/09, and of a party to celebrate her contributions to the SC arts community 2/5/09, hosted by L Bixby at her home.
- C Birns passed around a thank you letter to the Rotary Club for their SculpTOUR 2008 partnership and contributions.
- C Birns distributed flyers for upcoming events.

Approval of Minutes

1. Special Joint AC/PAC Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2008

PAC Action: G. Harrison moved, seconded by L. Marelick to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote: Members Chip T. Gordon, G. Harrison and L. Marelick voting AYE.

AC Action: L. Bixby moved, seconded by M. David to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote: Members T. Gordon, G. Harrison, K. Chip and L. Marelick voting AYE.

General Business

2. Roundabouts

Recommend City Council approve the Roundabouts public art project and draft RFQ, and designate \$20,000 from water public art funds for the design phase of this project.

PAC Action: Chip moved, seconded by L. Marelick to recommend City Council approve the Roundabouts public art project, and allocate \$20,000 from water public art funds for design fees and staff support. G. Harrison abstained. Motion carried.

AC Action: Chip moved, seconded by L. Bixby to recommend City Council approve the Roundabouts public art project, and allocate \$20,000 from water public art funds for design fees and staff support. Motion carried.

Members requested the RFQ include as a project goal creating a visual link between the wharf and downtown.

PAC Action: Chip moved, seconded by L Marelick to approve the RFQ with an interest in ensuring comments be captured in the RFQ. Motion carried.

AC Action: Chip moved, seconded by L Bixby to approve the Public Art Committee action. Motion carried.

3. Mural Program

Recommendation: Consider City Arts relationship to the City mural program, review the mural program RFQ and process recommendations, and provide staff direction.

Staff presented a proposal to include the Arts Commission in mural artist selection processes. Members queried staff on mural maintenance procedure, which has yet to be developed. Members also discussed sensitivity to ensuring the integrity of historic murals, and agreed that creating project-specific panels with relevant representation would help to make certain this kind of oversight.

PAC Action: G Harrison moved, seconded by Chip to approve the RFQ (with the inclusion of relevant stakeholders as discussed) and incorporate the mural program under public art purview to the extent proposed. Motion carried.

AC Action: L Bixby moved, seconded by Chip to approve the Public Art Committee action. Motion carried.

4. Storefront Gallery

Recommendation: Consider next steps with the Storefront Gallery project, and provide staff direction.

Members considered next steps with Storefront Gallery and recommended a project subcommittee be created. L Bixby, G Harrison, Chip volunteered to form this subcommittee. M David volunteered to serve as backup.

PAC Action: G Harrison moved, seconded by L Marelick to continue Storefront Gallery exhibits through FY09, and delegate decisions for expansion to the subcommittee. Motion carried.

AC Action: L Bixby moved, seconded by M David to approve the Public Art Committee action. Motion carried.

5. Public Art Project Support

Recommendation: Consider staff support alternatives for the river, storefront gallery and roundabouts projects, and provide staff direction.

Members discussed hiring G Harrison as Roundabouts staff support and agreed no action was necessary.

Information Items – None

Subcommittee/ Project Oral Reports

- Budget – mid-year review
Staff passed out draft budget for review.
- River Projects
Staff reported that no new action has been taken on the river projects, as river committee staffing is still on hold.
- SculpTOUR rack card distribution
Staff reported on Certified Folder Display's quote for distributing SculpTOUR rack cards at 100 locations weekly. Members recommended subscribing to this service.
- Arts Commission Merge
Staff reported the Arts Commission merge is on the February 24th City Council agenda.
- Public Art Inventory – plaques, brochure, column, walking tour and website.
No report.
- Tom Scribner repair
Staff reported efforts to reach the Tom Scribner artist (Marghe McMahon) to discuss repair have led to an out of service phone number and no other leads. David Anderson volunteered to fabricate a new bow at no cost and weld it to the statue. Thanks David!
- West Cliff Gift
Staff reported a coastal permit for the West Cliff Gift is being considered for by the planning department.
- Scope Park Mural / Signage
Staff reported the Scope Park Mural will be repainted in February prior to the Amgen Tour.
- UCSC Amgen Public Art Project
Staff reported the UCSC Amgen Public Art Project is almost complete. Students have been working well with Amgen Tour coordinators and gotten quite a bit of press.
- Arts Master Plan Implementation
No report.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- River RFQ
- Election of Chairs (postponed until Arts Commission merge)
- Subcommittees
- FY10 annual plan

Adjournment

The Public Art Committee and Arts Commission adjourned from their special joint meeting of January 26, 2009 to their next special meeting on March 25, 2009 in the Redevelopment Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved for Arts Commission:

Staff

Chair

