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CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES  
Wednesday January 16, 2013 6:00 PM  
Economic Development Department  
Conference Room  
337 Locust Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

**Arts Commission – Special Meeting**

Chair Lee Duffus called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: A Allan, L Duffus, P Haywood, L Kershner, T Praxel, N Simon  
Absent: P McGettigan  
Staff: C Birns, Arts Program Manager  
Gabriel Harrison, Project Consultant  
Guests: Marc Theeuwes, David Kimball Anderson, Marilyn Mackenzie

**Statements of Disqualification** – none

**Oral Communications** – none

**Announcements**

Chair Duffus invited guests to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Arts Commission meeting minutes of October 3, 2012

Action: N Simon moved, seconded by T Praxel to approve the October 3, 2012 meeting minutes. L Kershner abstained. Motion carried.

**General Business Items**

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Recommendation: Elect Chair and Vice-Chair as directed in the bylaws.

No action was taken. Item postponed to accommodate City Council Commissioner reappointment schedule.

3. SculpTOUR

Recommendation: Review and approve proposed concept design and budget.

Commissioner and 2011-2012 curatorial chair L Kershner presented a proposed 2013 work plan, including removal of three installations and one new artwork to be sited at the Church / Pacific planter.

Action: T Praxel moved, seconded by P Haywood to:

- Direct staff to develop an updated SculpTOUR program description with an emphasis on pursuing commissioned and site-specific work moving forward.

- Approve proposed 2013 work plan for SculptTOUR, including deinstallations and M Mackenzie's concept design and project budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. SS Outfall

Recommendation: Review proposed SS Outfall public art project, and provide staff direction on next steps.

Action: P Haywood moved, seconded by N Simon to allow wastewater public art funds to continue to further accumulate at this time, and to continue to explore (potentially more interpretive) project opportunities.

#### 5. Public Art Survey

Recommendation: Review and accept ARG Conservation Public Art Survey, and provide staff direction on artworks prioritized for treatment. Direct staff to begin developing a collection maintenance plan.

Action: P Haywood moved, seconded by A Allan to accept the Survey, and direct staff to:

- Take steps toward removing Hypercube and get quotes for repair.
- Remove and begin the process of de-accessioning Bear Spirit from the City public art collection.
- Begin developing a maintenance plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. Roundabout

Recommendation: Consider results of local fabricator research, and provide a recommendation on next steps.

Staff summarized project milestones to date, shared concerns regarding moving forward, presented projected budget adjustment (\$25,000) needed for contracting with a local fabricator to complete approved design, and confirmed the Water 2% public art fund balance is sufficient to absorb that amount if the Arts Commission and City Council recommend a budget adjustment.

Commissioners L Kershner and T Praxel spoke in support of moving forward with the project, despite challenges. Commissioners N Simon and A Allan expressed concerns with moving ahead given significant changes to the project since its inception.

Guests G Harrison and D Anderson conveyed their confidence that the artist (Brower Hatcher / Mid-Ocean Studio) would remain involved in the fabrication process and invested in the final product.

Commissioner N Simon recommended if the project moves forward obtaining a letter from Mid-Ocean Studio reaffirming commitment, assuring the final product would be a piece signed by Mid-Ocean Studio, and confirming availability throughout the fabrication process to that end.

Action: T Praxel moved, seconded by L Kershner to direct staff to move forward with this project, provided the artist will provide a letter as described above and recommend City Council approve proposed budget adjustment and release of an RFP for a local fabricator.

Commissioners L Duffus, P Haywood, T Praxel and L Kershner voted for the motion.

Commissioners A Allan and N Simon opposed the motion.

Motion carried.

**Information Items**

- Staff updated commissioners on public art percent ordinance next steps.
- Staff announced the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Gail Rich Awards, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm at the Rio Theatre.

**Subcommittee/ Project Oral Reports** – postponed to next meeting

**Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas** - none

**Adjournment** - The Arts Commission adjourned from its regular meeting of January 16, 2013 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.