



Arts Commission
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Council Chambers
809 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

ACTION MINUTES

(Minutes are not official until approved)

Call to Order – Abra Allan, Chair

Roll Call: Abra Allan, Chair; Jim Brown; Lee Duffus; Douglas Hull; Lorrie Kershner; and Edith Meyer.

Absent: Stacey Garcia (excused)

Oral Communications – *No action may be taken*

Announcements – *No action may be taken*

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

Approval of Minutes

1. *Arts Commission Study Session meeting minutes of September 9, 2015 (Attached)*

Motion made by: L. Duffus

Seconded by J. Brown

Ayes: A. Allan, L. Kershner, D. Hull

Disqualified: Edith Meyer

Absent: Stacey Garcia

General Business

2. *Abbott Square Presentation*

Nina Simon of the Museum of Art History to give a presentation on the status of the Abbott Square project.

Recommendation: A motion to support the installation of elements that may extend beyond the Abbott Square frontage in order to draw pedestrians from Pacific Street to Abbott Square. Such elements may include, but are not limited to the following: "Red crumbs," public art, or other original works of art as they are feasible and permitted under City regulations.

Motion made by L. Duffus

Seconded: J. Brown

Ayes: A. Allan, L. Kershner, D. Hull, E. Meyer

Nays: None

Disqualified: None

Absent: Stacey Garcia

3. Mural Projects FY16 Presentation

Recommendation: Receive presentation from staff regarding upcoming mural projects.

Staff provided an overview of new mural programs.

Oral communications: Steve Noll, a resident of the Beach Flats neighborhood, provided testimony regarding plans for a new mural at Beach Flats park.

4. Endorsement of Downtown Busking Event: First-Saturday Series (Attached)

Recommendation: Motion to endorse the Downtown Busking Event: First-Saturday Series.

Motion made by J. Brown

Seconded: L. Kershner

Ayes: L. Duffus, D. Hull, E. Meyer

Nays: None

Disqualified: A. Allan (left the room during the discussion)

Absent: Stacey Garcia

5. Performance Art Policy

Recommendation: Discuss the creation of a grant program that supports a performance art program that highlights City goals and social issues.

Group discussed the possibility of a new performance art program. Several Commissioners liked the idea of a program addressing City Council goals on city property, as recommended by staff. Chair Allan thought it might improve connections with Council. Jim Brown thought that criteria (such as the six City Council goals) provide needed direction, eliminate duplication with the Arts Council grants, and are key for evaluating applications and possible performance spaces could include City Hall, East Side Parking lot, Riverwalk, Cooper St etc. Doug Hull did not want the criteria to be restricted to City Council goals.

Action: Group agreed to form a subcommittee to discuss further. Jim Brown, Doug Hull and Abra Allan will meet to discuss.

6. Arts Commission Meeting schedule 2016 (Attached)

Recommendation: Approve schedule of Arts Commission Meetings for 2016.

Information Items – No action may be taken

- SCRAP – Santa Cruz Recycle Art Program (formerly called RRF-AIR)
- Reminder - blogs articles wanted for City Arts website

Subcommittee/Project Oral Reports – No action may be taken

- sculpTOUR (Lorri & Edith)
- Abbott Square (Lee & Lorri)
- Murals (Abra & Stacey)

- Corridor Planning (Stacey)
- Website/Marketing/Outreach (Abra, Douglas & Edith)
- Unsolicited Proposals (Jim & Lorri)
- Street Performer Outreach (Abra, Jim & Douglas)

Adjournment – The Arts Commission will adjourn from its regular meeting of December 9, 2015 to its next regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. January 13, 2016 in City Council Chambers.

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