Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission Wednesday, January 9, 2013 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 400 County Center, 5th Floor Conference Room Redwood City, CA 94063

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chair Rodricks called the meeting to order at 1:p.m.

Commission: Mulliken, Steel, Swan, Chew

Staff: Tolmasoff, Jensen, Mallouh (Grants & Workshop Program Manager)

2. Agenda Amendments

None

3. Oral Communications

None

4. Consideration of Minutes

Steel and Mulliken approve December 13, 2012 Commission meeting notes as amended to reflect correct meeting date.

Motion carried 5-0

5. Reports

No Curator report as Curator was absent.

Mallouh presented reports on (a) the Technical and Program Portfolio grant making philosophy and process and (b) the Arts Education and Educator Innovation portfolio.

6. Action Items

Nomination and election of officers for 2013.

It was voted to extend Chair Rodricks and Vice Chair Swan's terms until the end of the current Fiscal Year

7. Staff and Commission Reports (Reports are verbal)

None

8. <u>Discussion Items</u>

A, Discussion about providing small grants of up to \$50 for K through 12 arts education projects in the County's public schools with focus on schools in low income areas. Swan and Chew reported that they met with Dick Spiersen of the County Office of Education and he proposed that the most effective way to make a quick impact in the County's arts education is to provide small grants to teachers that they could receive before the end of the school year to do arts projects. Six thousand four hundred dollars has previously been allocated for arts education grants for this fiscal year. Swan agreed to schedule a meeting with Spiersen, Chew and Mallouh in the next week to discuss the grant making process in more detail with the objective of identifying a streamlined way to grant monies. Meeting results will be reported to the Grants Subcommittee. Jensen said once an agreement is reached on process that she would help expedite disbursement of funds from the County Managers office.

- B. Discussion about scheduling curation for the Women's Art Show
- C. Discussion about need for coordinating the Arts Commission and County Charter mission statements. It was recommended that John Nibbelin, County Counsel, be invited to the next Commission meeting to discuss this issue.
- D. Commissioners were reminded that they should be thinking about their assignments as liaisons to local governments and commissions in their Districts. It was recommended that they each compile a list of relevant organizations and contacts in their Districts.
- E. Commissioners were also reminded to take the ethics training for Commissioners.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.