

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Friday, May 23, 2014 – 1:00-3:00pm
Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Lobby Floor, Hall of Justice
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

1. ROLL CALL, 1:03pm

Commissioners present –Chair R. Rodricks, S. Swan, K. Chew
Staff: P. Jensen, J. Tomaloff
Commission staff: Esther Mallou, Grants Program Manager
Commissioner absent - D. Mulliken
Guest: Laura McHugh

2. AGENDA AMENDMENTS: move item 8B to Action Items

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES of Regular Meeting of April 9, 2014

This item shall be tabled to the July meeting, due to lack of quorum (Chew's absence from past meeting).

5. REPORTS

A. Curator Report:

Caldwell Gallery: upcoming show, Inspirations in Oil
Community Gallery: July: Photography and artwork by June Levin

The annual Women's Art Show produced five sales.

T. Silvestri and J. Tomaloff provided some good P.R. and call-for-entry information to local non-profit groups for future exhibits, thereby ensuring proper submission formats.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Nomination and election of Officers for 2014/2015:

Commissioner Chew moved to nominate Rodricks to continue as Chair, Swan seconded the motion.

Ayes: Chew, Swan, Rodricks

Absent: Mulliken

Motion passes: 3-0, 1 absent

Commissioner Chew moved to nominate Swan to continue as Vice Chair from July 31-December 31, 2014, Rodricks seconded the motion, adding that as Swan termed out, Chew will assume role of Vice Chair, January 1-June 30, 2015.

Ayes: Rodricks, Swan, Chew

Motion passes: 3-0, 1 absent

B. Vote on grants docket: *Complete summary and docket are posted on County website with Agenda.*

Renewal Grant Applications

Portfolio 1: *Creating a Dynamic Arts Sector*: Technical & Program/Project Grants

1. Masterworks \$5,933 for annual concert series, music education, including outreach programming
Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent
2. Menlowe Ballet \$5,933 New ballet program featuring cultural work
Motion by Swan, seconded by Chew
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent
3. Music at Kohl \$5,934
Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent
4. Sanchez Art Center: Unfortunately, SAC failed to provide post-grant reports and requirements for last year's grants. The Commissioners voted to pass on this year's grant request, but are open to future applications as they make changes in their organization.
Naves: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion does not pass, 0-3

Portfolio 2: *Arts Education Innovation*: Education & Educator Grants

1. Boys and Girls Club \$2,000 Arts Education Program
Motion by Swan, seconded by Chew
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Absent: Mulliken
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent
2. \$100 Mini Grants (Various schools and teachers) \$7,100
These grants were approved of at an earlier meeting.

First Time Grants:

Portfolio 1: *Creating a Dynamic Arts Sector*: Technical & Program/Project Grants

1. Arts Unity Movement \$2,000 The Synergia Project, a five month collaboration between New Ground Theatre Dance Company, Functional Restoration Program Art, and Notre Dame de Namur.
Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan

Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

2. Dragon Productions \$2,600 Building improvement (upgrade lighting)
Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent
3. Zawayaya \$5,000 Program development
Motion by Swan, seconded by Chew
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

Portfolio 2: *Arts Education Innovation*: Education and Educator Grants

1. Peninsula Volunteers \$1,000 for The Grandparent Project, a collaboration between students and seniors at the Menlo Park Senior Community Center.
Motion by Swan, seconded by Chew
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

Toones Foundation \$3,500 for art education, funding the San Bruno School District 4-5th grade project, teaching fractions with music.
Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

2. Camp Glenwood \$3,000 for two mural projects, 3-6 months with hired artist helping and training incarcerated youth
Motion by Swan, seconded by Chew
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew
Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

Rejected Grant Requests from first time Grant applicants:

1. Peninsula Girls Chorus: did not meet criteria – budget exceeded \$500k
2. Spindrift School: did not meet criteria – budget exceeded \$500k

For the next year's grant cycle, Chew requested that the performing arts grant recipients be invited to perform at the Commission-sponsored Global Village Cultural Art Fair on Kids Day, during the San Mateo County Fair.

C. Vote to renew Curator's contract:

The commission extends thanks to Curator Teresa Silvestri for all her help, hard work, excellent P.R. and gallery shows.

Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan
Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew

Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

D. Vote to renew Grants Manager's contract for FY-2014/2015:

The commission extends thanks to Grant Manager Esther Mallou for all of her efforts and organizing for the Commission's second round of grants.

Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan

Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew

Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

E. Allocation of NTE \$400 of the budgeted Marketing funds for e-contact program (Moved from 8B-Discussion Items)

Commissioner Rodricks presented a memo, dated May 16, 2014, requesting \$400 to sign up for ConstantContact.com and Wildapricot.com's email and social media marketing services.

Motion by Chew, seconded by Swan

Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew

Motion passes 3-0, 1 absent

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

A. Staff Jensen and Commissioner Swan shared the community feedback on *North Fair Oaks* Forward public art projects. Please see Update Memo dated May 22, 2014 provided by them. Commissioners agree to Statement of Support for \$50,000 to the Board for three vital community art projects.

B. Commissioner Rodricks reported the **April 10th Art Connect** event co-hosted by Thrive and the Arts Commission was very successful, with approx. 45 arts non-profits in attendance; Commissioners Rodricks, Swan and Mulliken were in attendance. The art organizations provided excited support and enthusiasm for this type of facilitated networking event and want more networking events in the future.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. (see 7.A above)

B. (see 6.E above)

C. Arts Leadership Council – next steps for launch: Emails will go out to potential members of the currently-deemed ALC for a June meeting of the minds. Potential candidates thus are: Laura McHugh; Dildar-Gil Pisani, Mary Alice Bowie and Tricia Siebold.

9. ADJOURNMENT: 3:01 pm.