

MINUTES – Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Lobby Floor, Hall of Justice
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

1. Roll Call, 1:02pm

Commissioners present - Chair R. Rodricks, S. Swan, K. Chew

Commissioners absent - D. Mulliken,

Staff: P. Jensen, J. Tomaloff

Commission staff: E. Mallouh

2. Agenda Amendments: None.

3. Oral Communications: None.

4. Consideration of Minutes of Regular Meetings

A. March 12, 2014:

No changes nor edits made. Motion to approve by Chew, second by Swan.

Ayes: Swan, Rodricks, Chew

Nays: none

Motion passes 3-0, with one absence

B. July 9, 2014:

No changes nor edits made. Motion to approve by Chew, second by Swan.

Ayes: Rodricks, Swan, Chew

Nays: none

Motion passes 3-0, with one absence

5. Reports

A. Curator Report: Curator T. Silvestri edited the new Curator job description. No news on current shows, but Teresa is still booking shows for future events. P. Jensen and J. Tomaloff are handling the RFP process for the Commission.

B. Grant Program Manager Report: Grants Manager Mallouh thanked staff for upgrading the Commission's webpage, with the new letter of intent template that potential grant candidates will be using.

6. Action Items

A. Public Art funding, mural project: this item was pulled from the agenda.

7. Staff and Commissioner Reports

A. Staff:

NFO Development Project: P. Jensen updated the Commission on the three art projects and their \$50,000 budget:

- a. Mosaic Wall:
- b. Living Wall/Chalkboard Wall Project
- c. Street Banners and Signage to mark the entrances to the NFO area

J. Tomaloff commended Curator Silvestri for the current show “Recovery Happens”, by local County teenagers. Be sure to read the profiles and see the art of these talented young people presently in the Caldwell Gallery.

B. Commissioners

Commissioner Swan answered Half Moon Bay Councilman Rick Kowalgyk’s request for help regarding policy standards for accepting public art. S. Swan provided resources and further guidance and feedback.

Commissioner Swan and Laura McHugh (ALC) continue to monitor progress of the HMB library. The project is funded 50/50, between the Town and County’s coffers, approx.. \$21 mil.

Commissioner Rodricks reported:

- a. Year End Report to Board of Supervisors is complete and on its way to Supervisors.
- b. Met with potential candidate for 5th District Commissioner, Kevin Fryer of Brisbane; independent businessman.
- c. Reminder: Oct 16th: Board Development and Governance Workshop at San Mateo Main Library, 5pm.
- d. Oct 14th SF Foundation Library at San Mateo Library: Commissioner Rodricks to present information about grants to arts organizations, artists and other attendees.
- e. Hewlett Foundation survey results:
 - e.1. Yes, the grants are working.
 - e.2. Funding for the arts continues to be fragile.
 - e.3. Art organizations and artists finding capitalization challenges
 - e.4. Scarcity of facilities
 - e.5. Human capital shortages
 - e.6. Fiscal sponsorships are significantly on the rise
 - e.7. Consider new pathways for Hewlett to support its intermediary partners.

8. Discussion Items

A. Per Strategic Plan: Potential candidates – Kevin Fryer, Laura McHugh

B. Per Strategic Plan: Potential seats on County Boards – P. Jensen to investigate potential liaisons between the Art Commission and other County Boards

Commissioner Chew thanks to the Commissioners and Staff for kindness and support during the time of her father's passing.

9. Adjournment: 2:33pm