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**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2016 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
 Room 402, Fourth Floor, COB-1,  
 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

**MINUTES**

**6. 1:03 Roll Call** – Roll Call and introduction of guests

Present:

Commissioners: Chair Robin Rodricks, Karen Chew, Laura McHugh, Sam Scott, Samaruddin Stewart

Contractors: Andrea S. Temkin

Staff: Deputy County Manager Peggy Jensen, Chief Legislative Aide Juda Tolmasoff

**7. 1:05 Agenda Amendments**

None

**8. 1:07 Oral Communications** to allow the public to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes. A speaker's slip is required.

None

**9. 1:09 Consideration of Minutes** of Regular Meeting of January 20, 2016

Move to approve: Commissioner Scott, Second Commissioner Chew. Passed unanimously.

**10. Reports**

1:11 Curator's report

1) Caldwell Gallery and Community Gallery

This year's Women's View exhibit was installed in the Caldwell and Community Galleries on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Unlike previous years it took two days to take in, judge and install due to a large increase in participation. It took a total of 69 hours labor including take in and installation. The curator position currently allows 19.5 hours (per month). We had a 300% increase in requests (190 total) for entry forms over the previous year, and almost 800% over 2014. All but 16 artists on the waiting list received follow-up invitations to exhibit.

The Arts Commission purchased extra hanging rods and hardware at the last minute in order to accommodate more artists. In all we accepted 90 artists for 2016. Additional rod & hardware expenditure for W.View: \$921.19  
 Total upgrades to hanging system for 2016: \$1400.60

The Women's View will run from March 1 to April 29.

2) Rotunda Gallery

The large freeform sculptures of Oleg Lobykin went on display at the Rotunda Gallery on January 11 and will be on display from Jan 13 to June 30, 2016.

1:18 Commission Director's report

- Grant application activity to date: 47 log ons to commongrantapp.com; 4 applications submitted; another 26 are in progress. Keeping notes of things to do better, changes from next grant cycle. Working on panel review process
- Teacher Mini Grants: approved 102, \$10,200. For next year need the Commission may choose to designate a specific dollar amount available and accept applications on a first come, first serve basis.
- Outreach: Informational meetings with San Mateo County Office of Education, County Libraries, Children's Fund. Site visits: Djerassi Resident Artist Program, Dragon Theater

## 6. 1:25 Action Items

### A. Allocation of 2016 unexpended funds

Motion by Commissioner Chew to approve budget as presented with the change of moving \$250 to Item 1 and any unexpended funds to be designated to grants. Second Commissioner Scott. Passed unanimously.

### B. Minimum/Maximum grant request amounts

Motion to approve by Commissioner Stewart. Second Commissioner McHugh. Passed unanimously.

## 7. 2:05 Staff and Commission reports

### A. Dep. County Manager – Peggy Jensen

Extended an invitation to attend San Mateo High School youth performance group.

### B. Chief Leg. Aide – J. Tolmasoff

No new information to report.

### C. Commissioner reports:

#### • District 1 S. Scott

An Invitational cultural roundtable was held last Friday at Filoli Gardens. Topic was cultural destinations in SMC. Attending were representatives from Filoli, CuriOdessey, San Mateo History Museum, Hiller Aviation Museum, SFO Museum, Peninsula Museum of Art. The group was interested in investigating collaborative marketing and meeting on a regular basis.

#### • District 2 R. Rodricks:

Outreach activities with Masterworks Chorale; Arts Unity Movement; County Communications Officer Michelle Duran; Mary Alice Bowie from the Peninsula Arts Council.

Facilitated an informational grants workshop. There were 41 attendees from 20+ arts organizations. Assisted with intake for Women's View Show.

Wrote and compiled the 2015 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

In process of organizing a Connect the Arts event on April 5 at San Mateo Library. E-vitations have been sent.

#### • District 3 L. McHugh:

Electronic communications: Sent out three eblasts. Took photos of work from the Women's View Show and posted on Arts Commission Facebook page.

Outreach: Met with Coastal Arts League; Peninsula Arts Museum board member

#### • District 4 K. Chew:

Outreach: Met with new North Fair Oaks outreach coordinator; North Fair Oaks Public Art Workgroup Suggest the Commission consider providing scholarships for local arts groups to the Americans for the Arts national conference to be held in San Francisco in June 2017.

#### • District 5 S. Stewart:

Outreach: Contacted arts organizations in District 5 re applying for Local Arts Grants; met with Pauline Fong-Martinez of Daly City Commission

Will be photographing SamTrans' Arts Takes a Bus Ride exhibition at Peninsula Art Museum

**8. 2:25 Discussion Items**

- A. Discussion re Arts Commission host a convening on public art for the nine Bay Area Counties involved in the BayTrail as suggested to Chair Rodricks by Lance Fung. approached Rodricks re NYC and Woodside. Working with RWC Commission and the group with long acronym. Any follow-up should be directed to Marlon Feeney, SMC Director Parks Dept.
  
- B. Discussion re Huffington Post article on trends in arts organizations: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-l-lynch/five-macro-trends-that-ar\\_b\\_9254154.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-l-lynch/five-macro-trends-that-ar_b_9254154.html)

**9. 2:30 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Commissioner Scott. Second Commissioner McHugh. Meeting adjourned 2:30pm.