



Office of Economic Development
Civic Arts Commission

MINUTES

Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

North Berkeley Senior Center

Berkeley, Ca. 94710

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sara Sanderson, Lori Taguma, David Snippen, Jos Sances, Chiori Santiago, Suzy Thompson, and Ione Elioff

Absent: Commissioners Bornstein and Coleman

Staff: Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg VanMechelen, Citizen, talked about building benches from sand bags, stucco, and tile for public space.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 26, 2006 Minutes were approved as submitted

Motion: Commissioner Snippen, second Commissioner Sances, to approve the April 26, 2006 Minutes as submitted. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Suzy Thompson

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Draft A Letter Of Support For Playwrights Cafe

Motion: Commissioner Coleman, second Commissioner Elioff that Commissioner Sances draft a letter on behalf of the Civic Arts Commission in support of Playwrights Café.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

- b. Draft A Letter Of Support Concerning Nexus***

Motion: Commissioner Elioff, second by Commissioner Santiago, that the Civic Arts Commission send a letter to Mayor Bates, City Council, and Planning Staff, to support the preservation and/or replacement of the arts space at Nexus within the City's negotiation power and to request that the eviction of Nexus be delayed until resolution of the issue of replacement space is provided by the Zoning Ordinance.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Grant Committee: Suzie Thompson

- b. Public Art Committee: David Snippen

- I-80 Bike Bridge
- San Pablo Park Historic Marker
- Train Stop with Redevelopment
- Corporation Yard Gates
- 1947 Center Street
- Maudelle Shirek Commemorative Mural
- Civic Center Call for Artists

- c. Education Committee: Amanda Bornstein

- d. West Berkeley Study Committee: Sara Sanderson

- e. Berkeley Cultural Trust Meeting

8. CONTINUING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. June 13, 2006 City Council meeting

- b. Partnership with the Berkeley Cultural Trust

- c. Peerless Lighting site in West Berkeley

9. STAFF REPORT

- a. Budget

- b. Current Staffing-new Public Art Intern

- c. City Council Consent Item for June 13, 2006

- d. Artsopolis web site for marketing Arts groups

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

11. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Contact person: Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator (510) 981-7533.

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