



Office of Economic Development  
Civic Arts Commission

## MINUTES

### **Civic Arts Commission**

Wednesday, June 28, 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 Lori Taguma, David Snippen, Jos Sances, Chiori Santiago, Suzy Thompson, Barbara Coleman, and Ione Elioff

Absent: Commissioners Bornstein and Sanderson

Staff: Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Lorber Stross, a Berkeley resident and member of the Commission on Aging talked about the need to have benches installed on Addison Street near Aurora Theater for seniors visiting the theaters and arts district.
- b. Zelda Bornstein, Former Chair of the Planning Commission and Candidate for Mayor - commented on the item from Councilmembers Maio and Moore about updating the definition of arts and crafts and the need to do an inventory of arts and crafts in West Berkeley.
- c. John Curle, a West Berkeley citizen, talked concerning the definition of arts and crafts and stressed how important it is to make a clear distinction between the types of crafts and arts that need industrial type studios and the types of crafts and arts that can function in an office.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The May 24, 2006 Minutes were amended as follows: Section 6b. Draft A Letter Of Support Concerning Nexus

**Motion:** Commissioner Elioff, second by Commissioner Sances, 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 that action is delayed until the preservation of the estate issue is resolved.

**Amended Motion:** 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.**

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Suzy Thompson

**6. PRESENTATION**

Lenore McDonald, Sakai/Berkeley Sister City Artist Exchange Program

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Support For The Berkeley Hosted Sakai Artists Exchange Exhibition To Be Held In The City Of Berkeley  
**Motion:** Commissioner Santiago, second Commissioner Snippen, that the Commission write a letter in support of the Berkeley Hosted Sakai Artists Exchange Exhibition to be held here in Berkeley. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**
- b. Accept The Art Placed In The Civic Center On All 5 Floors As Part Of The Public Art Percent For Art Program  
**Motion:** Commissioner Santiago, second Commissioner Coleman, to accept the art placed in the Civic Center on all five floors as part of the Public Art Percent for Art Program. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**
- c. Approve The Selection Panel's Recommendation That Artist Mildred Howard And Artist Daniel Galvez Be Awarded The Contract To Produce A Mural In Honor Of Maudelle Shirek For The Amount Of \$38,000 As Noted As Project #6 On The Public Art Work Plan  
**Motion:** Commissioner Sances, second Commissioner Taguma, to approve the Selection Panel's recommendation that artist Mildred Howard and artist Daniel Galvez be awarded the contract to produce a mural in honor of Maudelle Shirek for the amount of \$38,000 as noted as Project #6 in the Public Art Work Plan. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**
- d. Approve \$700 For The Model And Supplies For The Tapestry For 1947 Center Street In Partnership With The Berkeley High School Art Program To Be Placed In The Parks And Recreation Public Space On The First Floor Of 1947 Center Street.  
**Motion:** Commissioner Sances, second Commissioner, Snippen to approve \$700 for the model and supplies for the tapestry for 1947 Center Street in partnership with the Berkeley High School Art Program to be placed in the Parks and Recreation public space on the first floor of 1947 Center Street. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Grant Committee: Suzie Thompson
- b. Public Art Committee: David Snippen
  - I-80 Bike Bridge

- San Pablo Park Historic Marker  
Frances Albrier Historical Plaque for fabrication and placement in San Pablo Park
- 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:

**9. CONTINUING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Partnership with the Berkeley Cultural Trust
- b. Peerless Lighting site in West Berkeley
- c. Definition of Arts and Crafts Updating for West Berkeley Zoning

**10. STAFF REPORT**

Definitions

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**12. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Benches for Seniors  
Wishing Well Drop Box

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

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