



Office of Economic Development
Civic Arts Commission

MINUTES

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, August 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

(July 26, 2006 meeting rescheduled to today's meeting)

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, Sara Sanderson, Suzy Thompson, Barbara Coleman, and Ione Elioff

Absent: Commissioners Santiago (Commissioner Bornstein resigned in July)

Staff: Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator, Charlotte Fredriksen, Assistant Management Analyst

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 28, 2006 Minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: Commissioner Coleman, second by Commissioner Snippen to approve the June 28, 2006 Minutes as submitted. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Suzy Thompson

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Updated definition of Art/Craft Studios as requested by the Berkeley City Council. Need to be delivered to Acting Director of OED in August and due to City Clerk on September 14, 2006.

Motion: Commissioner Coleman, second Commissioner Sances to accept the following language as the updated definition of Art/Craft Studios:

A. Premise: This definition is meant to protect fine arts and crafts studio space in West Berkeley under the City of Berkeley Zoning Ordinance, Municipal Code. Chapter 23. In addition to spaces for the creation of fine arts and crafts, the current Zoning Code also protects certain performing arts instruction and rehearsal studios and theater spaces and child day care establishments lawfully in place as of July 6, 1989.

B. Art/Craft Studio: An establishment in which fine art or crafts are made or manufactured by individual visual artists and craftspeople. An art/craft studio is characterized by individual artists engaged in an occupation, vocation or trade requiring special manual dexterity or artistic skill in the production of an unique art or craft object. The studio must be open to the public, either by appointment and /or on a periodic open studio basis. Examples include, but are not limited to: woodworkers; potters/ceramicists; candle makers; stained- glass makers; glassblowers; textile artists and weavers; jewelry makers; painters; fine art printmakers; photographers/filmmakers; leather workers; metal workers; musical instrument makers; model makers; papermakers; installation artists; sculptors; video artists and other fine arts and crafts uses, as determined by the Civic Arts Commission. The use of computers in the conduct or performance of these occupations is permitted. This definition shall not include commercial businesses or commercial professions including architects and commercial graphic designers, building and landscape designers, engineers, or similar endeavors.

C. Appeal Process: In the case of a dispute over the proposed use or tenant of a new or existing arts and crafts studio, the Civic Arts Commission shall assemble a “portfolio review” panel comprised of professional peers and Civic Arts Commissioners to make a recommendation to the Director of Planning. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**

- b. Civic Arts Grants Awards for FY07

Motion: Commissioner Coleman, second Commissioner Sances to approve the FY07 grant allocation with a \$9,000 maximum -- with a caveat to check Central Works' application to confirm their FY07 asking amount. **Vote: Approved unanimously.**

- c. Vote to not hold August, 2006 monthly Civic Arts Commission meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Coleman, second Commissioner Sanderson to not hold the regular Civic Arts Commission meeting in August 2006.

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
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: Need New Chair
- d. West Berkeley Study Committee: Sara Sanderson
- e. Berkeley Cultural Trust Meeting: Need representative for next meeting at noon on September 20, 2006 on the 6th floor of the Civic Center.

8. **CONTINUING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

September 28, 2006 Civic Center Art Opening from 3 pm to 5 pm in cooperation with the Berkeley Art Center and KALA Art Institute

9. **STAFF REPORT**

- 1. Request for Acting Manager of OED to run the Civic Arts Grants formula
- 2. Progress of Library commissioned public art for Children's Room
- 3. Budget update
- 4. Next Public Art Committee Meeting, August 7, 2006 at 4 pm in Civic Center
- 5. Civic Center Art Show Opening set for September 28, 2006 from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Civic Center
- 6. Three Finalists Models for Corporation Yard Grates on display in Civic Center from August 29 to September 8, 2006
- 7. Corporation Yard Panel for Finalists meets from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Green Room in the Corporation Yard
- 8. Staff Schedules: **Civic Arts Coordinator** out of office July 28 to Monday, August 7, 2006
Public Art Intern Hours: Monday: 1 pm to 6 pm; Tuesday: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; Wednesday: 9 am to 5:30 pm
Assistant Management Analyst: Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

10. **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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