



Office of Economic Development
Civic Arts Program

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING **Monday, September 25, 2006, 4:00 to 5:30 PM** Civic Arts Offices at 2180 Milvia Street, 3rd Floor 510-981-7533 Cypress Room, first floor Civic Center

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
4:00 pm
- II. Roll Call
Commissioner David Snippen
Jos Sances
Absent: Lori Taguma
Committee member Amanda Bornstein
Staff: Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator
Lucy Lin, Public Art Intern
- III. Action Items
Turtle Project
 - a. MSC: Amanda Bornstein to take no present action on artist's request for budget increase
 - b. Staff will set up a meeting with Marc Seleznow, Parks and Waterfront
Maudelle Shirek Mural
 - c. Invited speakers, artists Mildred Howard and Daniel Galvez to the next meeting
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Turtle Project
 - i. Budget Increase – Artist requests an additional \$14,000 from the Civic Arts Commission
 1. Due to contract delays, issues with cost increases, specifically in the cost of bronze
 2. Restore the size of turtle sculptures to 4 ft.
 3. Increase amount of honorarium to each collaborating artist
 - ii. Issues with installing turtle sculptures in a non-working fountain
 1. Installing in a functioning fountain was part of the original contract with artist.
 2. Safety and entrapment concerns, such as children playing with standing sculptures, with no base or platform, in a fountain without water
 - iii. Request engineering information and detailed drawings from artist
 - iv. Staff will report on the number of payments the artist has received and to hold further installments until the committee receives artist's project drawings.

- v. Set up meeting with Marc Seleznow regarding the installation of the sculptures, the status of the fixing the fountain, and what to do with the turtle sculptures in the interim
- b. I-80 Bike Bridge –
 - i. In the fabrication stage. The updated installation date is March/April 2007. Original date: October 2006. Extended date: December 2006.
 - ii. Artist is constructing at his studio and devising different ways to build the structure or armature for the sculpture.
 - iii. Public Art Committee Chair David Snippen will meet with the artist this week to talk about the schedule.
- c. San Pablo Park Historic Marker –
 - i. This project is in fabrication and has all the permits.
 - ii. Installation date for December 2006
 - iii. Defer to Donna Graves and family members to set celebration date
 - 1. Coordinate with city commemorations for black history month
 - iv. City to repaint San Pablo Park building. Donna Graves will meet with Carmella, City Architect to discuss colors.
- d. Train Stop –
 - i. Continuing discussion about redevelopment and visually linking 4th Street to the public park.
 - ii. Lori Taguma is working with Redevelopment on text for Ohlone plaques that Parks will pay for.
 - iii. Staff will look into contacting the business associations in the area to open discussion about funding additional murals.
- e. Corporation Yard Gates –
 - i. The Selection Panel has chosen Eric Powell as the finalist.
 - ii. The next step is to put together a contract
 - iii. The Selection Panel has made recommendations to the design. The artist will work with the committee to make the design more organic, such as softening the top edge of the gate.
 - iv. Staff will communicate the selection panel comments to the artist
- f. 1947 Center Street –
 - i. An employee art show was suggested for the space
 - ii. Staff continues to work with Brenda Prager's family to acquire images of her works.
 - 1. Look into Brenda Prager's friend's collection
 - 2. Suggestion of the black and white photograph of disabled people for the tapestry
- g. Maudelle Shirek Commemorative Mural –
 - i. The artists have received the check.
 - ii. The artists are invited to the next Public Art Committee to present the updated and finalized version of the mural. Revisions include moving figures around and adjusting the sizes of figures.
- h. Other Topics
 - i. Set Public Art Budget Meeting with Tom Myers

V. Continuing Discussion Items

VI. Announcements

VII. Next Meeting

VIII. Adjournment 5:30 p.m.

Attachments: