



Office of Economic Development  
Civic Arts Commission

## MINUTES

### Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

North Berkeley Senior Center

1901 Hearst Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

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#### **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION 6:30**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Ione Elioff, David Snippen, Jos Sances, Suzy Thompson, Barbara Coleman, Chiori Santiago, and Sarah Sanderson

Absent: Commissioner Lori Taguma

Public: Robbin Henderson, Former Director of the Berkeley Art Center and Jill Berk Jiminez, New Director of the Berkeley Art Center

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robbin Henderson introduced the new Berkeley Art Center Director Jill Jiminez.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The October 29, 2006 Minutes were amended and approved as follows:

Item #2, Commissioner Elioff present.

**Motion:** Commissioner Snippen, second Commissioner Coleman - **Approved unanimously.**

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Suzy Thompson reported on the November 6, 2006 meeting with Planning Director and staff to discuss the Civic Arts Commission's proposed definition of Arts/Crafts, and survey of existing art uses in West Berkeley.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Grant Committee: Suzie Thompson – Nothing current to report.
- b. Public Art Committee: David Snippen
  - I-80 Bike Bridge - Full-scale work in progress; studio visit to be scheduled.
  - San Pablo Park Historic Marker – Installation on hold, pending building repairs and renovation.
  - Train Stop with Redevelopment – Near completion; estimated date 12/6/06.
  - Corporation Yard Gates – Artist Eric Powell’s contract preparation in process.
  - 1947 Center Street- Employee Art Show and Image from past show in publication for Mental Health to represent the City program.
  - Maudelle Shirek Commemorative Mural - Discussion with artists at November 13, 2006 Public Art Committee Meeting.
  - Brenda Prager’s art selection – No progress.
  - Turtles size and material for Civic Center Fountain – Pending discussing with artist.
  - Restoration of Mural on second floor in Civic Center – Pending.
  - Plaques for signage for Public Art Projects – Cost estimate is \$3,000 plus.  
Commissioner Snippen to finalize quote and installation proposal as soon as possible.
- c. Education Committee: Barbara Coleman – No report.
- d. West Berkeley Inventory Committee: Need to nominate a Chair. Discussion of Committee goals; work of hired intern; time-line of tasks; Commission agreed to set categories for Arts/Crafts uses; affirm that survey is not for code enforcement or business license purposes; and not to distinguish between professional vs. amateur (hobby) uses.

## 8. CONTINUING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Benches for Seniors
- b. Public Art Project Timetables
- c. Peerless Lighting site for development in West Berkeley
- d. City Council item on the definition of Artist/Studio timeline and procedures – Council Item to proceed as noted.
- e. Partnership with BCT on designated issues
- f. Letter to City Council about the situation with Anna's Jazz Island/Gaia Building – Chair Suzy Thompson to sign letter on behalf of all Commission members and forward it to Council and the Planning Commission as soon as possible.
- g. Request from Darryl Moore re: possible mural at Frances Albrier Center – Meeting with Councilmember Moore and Ryan Lau to follow. Mural proposal approved in concept. The Public Art Committee to make final recommendation as soon as possible.

## 9. STAFF REPORT

Request for Fundraising Information on the Arts

Staff Schedules: **Civic Arts Coordinator:** Monday – Friday 9 am to 6 pm

**Assistant Management Analyst:** Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Public Art Intern:** Monday: 1 pm to 6 pm; Tuesday: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; Wednesday: 9 am to 5:30 pm

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

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

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm