

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015
City Hall, Pt. Molate Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804**

Present: Fletcher Oakes, Dayna Holz, Kate Sibley, Jenny Balisle
Staff: Michele Seville

MEETING MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

II. Approve Agenda

Upon motion of Sibley, seconded by Holz, the agenda was approved.

III. Approve Minutes

Upon motion of Sibley, seconded by Balisle, the April 2015 minutes were approved, as corrected.

IV. Discussion re Art on Greenway/JFK Park

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) has received a grant to renovate John F. Kennedy Park, across the street on Cutting Blvd. from JFK High School. TPL and the Rosie the Riveter Trust plan to apply for an NEA Art Works creative place-making grant to integrate artworks into the park improvements. Proposed projects include welded bike racks or benches, painted or mosaic applications to the picnic pavilion/shade structure, and playscape elements. Artists would design and direct the work and collaborate with a group of middle-school aged Rosie's Girls to fabricate and install the artworks.

Discussion followed about how to integrate PAAC and RACC participation and oversight into projects that are not funded by the City but are nevertheless sited on City property. Many of the elements of this working relationship would apply to work going forward on the Greenway with Prop 84 funds. It was proposed that a schedule be set to review selected artists and proposed artworks, and that an agreement be signed between the City and the stakeholder organizations to ensure standards are met and Policies & Procedures are followed. There was also discussion of ownership and long-term maintenance responsibilities.

V. SF Mime Troupe Opportunity

The San Francisco Mime Troupe has selected Nicholl Park as the site of their August 1 performance in Richmond. Seville has requested a waiver of the park

rental fees and has learned that the fees cannot be waived. Seville will inquire further as to costs and availability of the park.

VI. Review of Pre-Qualified Artists Pool

Balisle will meet with Amanda Elliott of Richmond Main Street to discuss a framework for moving forward with setting up the program to match artists with public places in Richmond to show their artwork.

VII. Update on Public Art Inventory

Holz will complete a list of sites that need new photographs and coordinate with Oakes to visit and photograph the artworks.

VIII. Staff Report

- Port Public Art Project: A meeting has been set to include Project Manager Regina Almaguer, BCDC (San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission), WETA (Water Emergency Transportation Authority), Chad Smalley of the City's Engineering Department, the artists, representatives from the Craneway, and Seville. Arts & Culture has been invited to present the public art project plan to the BCDC Design Review Board at their July meeting. If approved by the BCDC Design Review Board in July, the project will be able to move forward without further delays.
- Measure U: Plans for spending Measure U funds were not approved by the City Council and the budget for funding gateway public art projects has not been decided.
- Family Justice Center: The American Teenager photographs will be gifted from the City to the Family Justice Center and the funds that would have been used to purchase the works will be put back into public art funds for the project. The balance of the public art budget is approximately \$19,000.

IX. Announcements

- Contra Costa Chorale will be performing this weekend.
- PAAC member Balisle will be the Artist in Residence at the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi. Congratulations!

X. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting June 16, 2015