

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015
City Hall, Pt. Molate Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804**

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

MEETING MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
- II. Approve Agenda
Upon motion of Sibley, seconded by Balisle, the agenda was approved.
- III. Approve Minutes
Upon motion of Sibley, seconded by Balisle, the August 2015 minutes were approved.
- IV. Update on BCDC Review of Port Project
Michele Seville reported on the recent meeting with the BCDC regarding the Port public art project and its relation to plans for the new ferry terminal. PAAC members expressed their disappointment with the design for the ferry ramp/shelter and the plans for plants and trees. Seville reported that the gravel originally planned for the public art installation will have to be replaced with something that is ADA compatible.
- V. Discussion re Artwork at Unity Park/JFK Park
Seville reported that the RACC accepted PAAC's motion to contract with the Richmond Art Center (RAC) to serve as project manager for this public art project. The RAC will hold mural classes, twice a week for eight weeks, at the Booker Anderson Community Center; the goal is to have the design completed by October 24 so that the artist and community members will be able to work on the mural that day. The city will power-wash the site in advance to prepare it. While the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) initially intended to select an artist, they acquiesced to the City's Public Art Policies and Procedures.
- VI. Discussion re PAAC Member Recruitment
Alex Knox, who is responsible for recruiting and vetting candidates for the Mayor's committee and commission appointments, reported that he has received three applications for the PAAC. He will send them to Seville for review and coordinate the next steps with her.

PAAC members discussed whether it would be advantageous to change the meeting schedule. All agreed that Dayna Holz should be consulted before making any changes. However, the current schedule, with a shift to a start time of 7:00 p.m., seems to be acceptable for those present.

VII. Update on Pre-Qualified Artists Pool

Jenny Balisle reported that she and Seville will be attending an Arts & Culture Commission of Contra Costa County (AC5) meeting to discuss the artists' pool.

The Art in Windows program, in partnership with Richmond Main Street Initiative, has two window displays installed, with a third one coming. The opening reception and art walk will take place on Thursday, September 24.

A Call for Artists for the next Art in Windows exhibit will go out in mid- to late October. In response to Seville's request for volunteers to serve on a selection panel, Kate Sibley agreed to do this if needed.

VIII. Staff Report

Seville reported that she is extending the NPA mini-grants application deadline in order to accommodate some latecomers who were unable to attend the mandatory preview meeting.

IX. Announcements

Seville reported that Michele Wells is seeking various props and set pieces for her play, *The War at Home*. Sibley will email Michele and ask her for a full list that she can send out to neighbors and others.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Next Meeting October 13, 2015