

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2016
City Hall, Pt. Molate Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804

Present: Fletcher Oakes, Dayna Holz, Linda Kalin, Jenny Balisle
Staff: Michele Seville

MEETING MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Approve Agenda

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

III. Approve Minutes

Upon motion of Holz, seconded by Kalin, the April 2016 minutes were approved.

IV. Review of NPA Projects by Liaisons

PAAC members in attendance gave updates on NPA projects. Holz discussed the potential installation site for Keiko Nelson's *Peace Dove* project. Mayor Butt has written a letter in support of installing the sculpture in City Hall.

Oakes reported that the *Freedom's Expression* project has selected Desi as the muralist to complete the mural in the Re-Entry Center. There have already been meetings with stakeholders who will participate in designing the mural.

Balisle and Kalin discussed potential sites for Ross Holzman's *Inner Peace Mural*. They also reported on the positive experience of working with Tatiana Lopez, who is working on a series of creative workshops with students to make artists' books. There will be a reception and book dedication at Bridges Art Gallery on June 23.

V. Update on San Francisco Mime Troupe

The Mime Troupe is still interested in staging a summer performance in Richmond at Nicholl Park, and are waiting to hear from the City's Recreation Department about their site application. Seville suggested that they should proactively contact the City to confirm the requested date. Once the site is confirmed, Seville will start the process of getting the use fee waived.

VI. Discuss Public Art at Family Justice Center

There is approximately \$25,000 in public art funds to create a site specific work for the Family Justice Center on 24th Street. Kalin visited the site and took photographs of the unfinished roof drainage system where the art will be installed. The artwork will need to function as a downspout between the roof and a drainage hole in the ground, and should be something that is interesting to look at when both wet (when raining) and dry. The group suggested that an artist who works with environmental themes and/or water elements may be appropriate, and that the artist should keep in mind the users of the space.

Based on the limited project funds, PAAC discussed selecting an artist by invitation rather than open call to minimize the amount of the funds that will need to be used for administrative purposes. PAAC members were asked to collect names of artists who may be appropriate for the project. Seville will ask RACC as well.

VII. Staff Report

- Port Public Art Project: Staff has a meeting planned with the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) to discuss next steps. The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) will now let the art project have a separate permitting process from the ferry development/WETA, so we are in the permitting phase.
- Poets Laureate: The current Poets Laureate are putting together a publication of their work, and will also prepare a separate publication of previous Poet Laureate Dwayne Parish's work.
- Seville and Doria Roberts will give a presentation on their cultural trip to Cuba on June 25 at Artizen in Vallejo.

VIII. Announcements

- Kalin went on the first participatory presentation of the urban walk along the proposed Richmond Wellness Trail, stretching from Kaiser to the Rosie the Riveter Museum. The planners are looking at how to improve the route for pedestrians, and are particularly interested in adding public art.
- Seville and RACC member Rosalie Barnes talked with the arts manager in Reno about how to get people to show their support for public art to City Council in an effort to prevent budget cuts. This will be useful as funding for the NPA program is targeted for elimination in next year's budget. City Council will discuss the proposed budget at their May 17 meeting; PAAC members asked about how to show their support in writing or in person at the meeting.
- The highly recommended film "Ghost Town to Havana" will be screened for free in City Council chambers.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Next Meeting June 14, 2016