

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

City Hall, Richmond Conference Room
450 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
RICHMOND, CA 94804

Present: Jenny Balisle, Dayna Holz, Linda Kalin, Jessica Parker, and Kate Sibley.

Absent: Fletcher Oakes

Staff: Michele Seville, Arts & Culture Manager; Katy Curl, Director, Library & Cultural Services

I. Meeting Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Sibley; Sibley to chair meeting.

II. Action: Agenda Review and Acceptance

Upon motion of Holz, seconded by Kalin, the agenda was approved pending the removal of agenda item five.

III. Action: Minutes Review and Acceptance

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

IV. Introduction and Discussion with PAAC Applicant Gretchen Borg:

Gretchen Borg: WCCUSD Special Education Instructor; background includes Urban Planning for the City of Tiburon. Borg has previously taught Art History and has been a Richmond resident since 1993. Passionate about art and interested in doing more student mural work; she has done youth murals on the Greenway and elsewhere.

V. Action: Vote on Recommendation to Appoint Gretchen Borg (All): *Removed this item from the agenda; see agenda item two. Borg will be invited to the next PAAC meetings to make sure her choice is a good fit for all.*

VI. Confirm Artist Finalists for Family Justice Center Chosen by the Selection Committee (All)

The Selection Panel for the West Contra Costa Family Justice Center (FJC) included PAAC members Balisle, Kalin and Parker, and FJC staff member, Oravanh Thammasen.

Balisle reports on the selection process: all committee members were in agreement about accepting the work of John Toki and Jered Nelson. Family Justice Navigator, Oravanh Thammasen connected with Katy Boynton's work for its appeal to children, and PAAC selection panel members took her recommendation under advisement and included Boynton in the list of three finalists. Additional discussion followed about the functionality of the drain on site, and including the use of color.

Motion by Sibley: *The PAAC recommends to the RACC, that they approve the following recommendation as public art finalists for the Family Justice Center: Jered Nelson, John Toki, and Katy Boynton. Parker seconds motion.*

VII. Action: Review Private Percent for Art Resolution and Make Recommendation to RACC (All):

General discussion on ordinance progression and upcoming tasks related to presenting the ordinance for formal review by City Council.

Review of power point presentation and public art survey completed by Steve Huss, Arts Manager from Walnut Creek.

Recommendation to postpone Seville's Chamber of Commerce/Council of Industries meeting until after City Council presentation and integrated feedback.

Additional clarity needed around how the ordinance is to provide "art for art's sake" and that it is not a replacement fund for Neighborhood Public Art (NPA) or an independent revenue stream.

Roundtable discussion about how to propose the ordinance; agreement to provide draft of ordinance by December 20, 2016 to Richmond City Council.

Motion by Holz: *The PAAC recommends to Staff and Sub-Committee Members to continue working on draft documents to present to RACC in advance of the December 20th presentation to Council.* Kalin seconds motion.

VIII. Discussion on Community Arts Roundtable (All):

Seville introduced the idea of an Arts Roundtable forum based on a similar model implemented in Cleveland, Ohio.

Balisle mentioned the Homeland Security Exhibit and how essential outreach in public schools can be to engage youth that may feel powerless and underrepresented; the “Arts as Your Voice”.

Suggested engagement with RYSE Center; expansion of public art beyond the PAAC and RACC; plan to agendise the Roundtable forum for the next PAAC meeting.

IX. Discussion on Oregon Street Art Project (All):

Decision made to bring this project to the attention of the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Committee (RNCC) and individual Neighborhood Councils.

General discussion about permitting process and whether this project could fall under the purview of the “Love Your Block” grant funding.

This project was well received and is supported by PAAC; agreement to keep the discussion and ideas moving forward.

X. Staff Report

Direct PAAC to read and review all documents and additionally consider the application of Gretchen Borg to the PAAC for decision at the next meeting.

XI. Announcements

A Call for a new Poet Laureate of Richmond is out; information is available on the main page of the City Website. Please promote and circulate this news.

Sibley and Curl are performing with Contra Costa Chorale in an upcoming concert; dates are November 19th and 20th. Mark your calendars!

The City of Berkeley is having an event where they will create a human peace sign.

Holz recommends visiting the National Gallery of Art in Washington. She just returned from a visit there.

XII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm by Sibley.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016.