



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Slattery, Tamano
Commissioner Passmore (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Commissioners Absent: Ozol (Leave of Absence)
Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Chrystal O'Malley, Civic Arts Analyst.
Members of the public in attendance: 5
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
1 Speaker
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a) **January 22, 2020 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve the January 22, 2020 Minutes with corrections.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — Ross; Absent — Ozol.
5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - a) Susan Felix, the art ambassador appointed by the mayor, is seeking funding to hire a writer for artist proclamations.
6. **ACTION ITEMS** (All items for discussion and possible action)
 - a) **2542 Durant – Final Art Plan (Attachment 2)**
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve the Final Art Plan for 2543 Durant.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.
 - b) **Cube Space Curator Leila Weefur: Exhibitions for Cube Space**
Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Blecher) to approve two exhibitions for Cube Space.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.
 - c) **Chair and Vice Chair Election**
Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Slattery) to approve Lisa Bullwinkel as Chair and Kim Anno as Vice Chair.

Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Covarrubias, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — Anno, Bullwinkel; Absent — Ozol.

d) **Public Art Ordinance (Attachment 3)**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve public art ordinance language with changes.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.

e) **Purchase of three framed artworks from Berkeley Art Center (Attachment 4)**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Covarrubias) to approve purchase of three framed artworks from Berkeley Art Center: “Trompe L’oeil” by Christine Meuris (\$300); and “2 Twigs #1 Shadow Study” and “3 Twigs Shadow Study” by Toby Kahn (\$295 each).

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.

f) **Raise panelist fee for Art Organization from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for this year FY21 review process (Attachment 5)**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Slattery) to approve raising panelist fee to \$1,500 for this year.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.

g) **Reschedule April 22, 2020 Commission meeting to Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ross) to approve rescheduling commission meeting to April 29, 2020.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.

h) **Revisions to “Public Art on Private Development” Ordinance and Guidelines**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve revisions to Public Art on Private Development Ordinance and Guidelines.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol

7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSIONS** (All items for discussion only and no action)

- a) Turtle Island Update by David Snippen, Elyce Klein, and Deb Durant (Attachment 6)
- b) Art Space Capital Grants Development (Attachment 7)
- c) Arts Education Grants Development (Attachment 8)

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Bart Plaza Update – Sound installation by Jim McKee Postponed
- b) Affordable Art Space Study Underway, first meeting Monday, March 2, 2020

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants — Met on February 4, 2020
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy — Met on February, 22, 2020. Committee discussed development of Public Art Ordinance; Capital Grant Program for Creative Spaces; and Arts Education Grant Program
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross

- c) Public Art — Met on February 20, 2020. The agenda included: Issue concerning “The Opening Circle” artwork at Cesar Chavez Park; 2542 Durant – Final Art Plan; Community Proposal of Mural Extension at University Avenue underpass; 1.5% for Public Art Ordinance Language; Revisions to “Public Art on Private Development” Ordinance and Guidelines; and purchase of three framed artworks from “Some Speechless Thing” at Berkeley Art Center.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- a) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative — Met on February 12, 2020 at Berkeley Art Center 9:00-10:15 a.m.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel

- b) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative — No report.
 - Liz Ozol
 - Hiroko Tamano (Alternate)

- c) Design Review — No report
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Civic Center Vision Subcommittee — No report.
 - Dana Blecher
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Hiroko Tamano

10. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Covarrubias) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ozol.

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