



County of Santa Cruz

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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2008

4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Simpkins Family Swim Center

979 17TH AVENUE, Live Oak Community Room

Santa Cruz, CA 95062

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

Members: Bruce Arnold, Shirlee Byrd, Cynthia Kilian, James Nee, Joanna Phillips, Melinda Rambo, Judy Stabile, Bobbi Todaro, Dana Werdmuller

Present: Bruce Arnold, Cynthia Kilian, Joanna Phillips, Judy Stabile, Bobbi Todaro, Dana Werdmuller, Melinda Rambo

Staff: Joe Schultz, Christine Bennett, Kathy DeWild

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL

Mentioned for record were two spelling errors. Item 1 under Information Items is being moved to Item 3 under Action Items. The agenda was accepted as modified (Kilian/Stabile 6/0).

III. CONSENT AGENDA

The information and reports were accepted and filed (Stabile/Rambo 7/0) and the minutes of August 4, 2008 were approved as written (Phillips/Stabile 7/0).

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Kilian confirmed for Commissioner Todaro that at the last meeting it was discussed that all action items would be moved up on the agenda for voting. Director Schultz states that Commissioners need to let the group know if they must leave a meeting early, especially if it will break quorum and that any guest speakers will arrive toward the end of meetings.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Schultz attended the quarterly Cultural Council meeting of arts commissions and extended an invitation to attend to the Arts Commission Chair. There was discussion on training/workshops with experienced and new artists regarding the Public Art process. Director Schultz distributed the Cultural Council's pamphlet on art currently being displayed at the Government Center, a draft of the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission Public Art Plan, and a press release stating that Santa Cruz County won the gold award for our State Fair display.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Information Items

1. Status Report on Public Art Projects

Kathy DeWild stated that the installation should begin on or around October 3rd for the Animal Services building, and the grand opening is scheduled for October 25th. A draft for the Call to Artists is being prepared for the Floral Park public art project. Commissioners Phillips and Kilian volunteered to participate on the selection panel. The artist chosen by the selection panel for the Live Oak Resource Center public art project to move forward in the process has provided a model to accompany her proposal. More information will be given today under "Action Item 1" on the agenda.

2. Staff Report on Artist of the Year 2008

Kathy DeWild stated the event on July 18th was a huge success. Another reception is planned for Tuesday, September 9th at the County Bank in Watsonville, where Manuel Santana's work will be on display through October 31.

3. Artist of the Year 2010

Kathy DeWild distributed a timeline for the Artist of the Year selection/event process for 2010 and 2011. Director Schultz reinforced that a vote was made at the May 2008 meeting to focus on Artist of the Year 2010 due to time constraints and budget issues.

4. Public Art Maintenance

Commissioner Phillips stated that Commissioner Nee would like the Commission to pursue maintenance of the County's public art collection, and to discuss ways to obtain funds for this purpose. Kathy DeWild informed the Commission that the Redevelopment Agency legally cannot provide funding for maintenance of public art. Commissioner Phillips will contact the City of San Jose, the City of Santa Cruz, and the City of Capitola to gather information on what process they use or any suggestions they may have. Commissioner Stabile suggested possibly grant funds can be obtained through the Rydell Visual Arts Fund or the Cultural Council Project Grant. Commissioner Arnold suggested that artists be asked about longevity when being selected to provide public art.

5. Public Art Tour for South County

The Commission will be touring public art in South County locations on Tuesday, October 21st from 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

6. Tannery Visit

The Commission selected a tentative date of September 23rd at 4:00 PM to visit the tannery site. Confirmation from George Newell will be arranged by Kathy DeWild and all commissioners will be notified.

B. Action Items

1. Live Oak Resource Center/Volunteer Center Public Art Project

Artist Marilyn Kukshy provided a model of her proposal for the public art project. Kathy DeWild presented the proposal and showed the model to the Commission, stating that the selection panel recommended unanimously that Ms. Kukshy move forward in the selection process. The Commission voted to support the recommendation of the selection panel (Rambo/Phillips 7/0). The next step is for the Board of Supervisors to consider Ms. Kukshy's contract and proposal at a November meeting.

2. Commission's Annual Retreat

Possible dates are January 17, 2009 and January 24, 2009 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Parks staff will check on availability and report back to Commissioners for final decision.

3. Art Attack Award

At the June 2008 commission meeting, it was suggested by Commissioner Arnold that the Art Attack Award only appear on the agenda when there was a nomination. Commissioner Rambo made a motion for that change to be formally put into the record, and Commissioner Werdmuller made the second. Approved 7/0.

VII. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

**Monday, October 6, 2008 4:30 p.m.
Simpkins Family Swim Center, 2nd Floor**

A. Informational Items

B. Action Items

- 1. Artist of the Year 2010**
- 2. Annual retreat date and time**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. (Werdmuller/Kilian 7/0).