



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2022

Meeting Location: Santa Barbara Public Library Faulkner Gallery Meeting Room
40 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

CALL TO ORDER 3:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Arts Advisory Committee Present: Kym Cochran; Frederick Janka, Chair; Darrell McNeil; Kai Tepper; Marylove Thralls, Vice Chair; Margie Yahyavi

Arts Advisory Committee Absent: Adriana Arriaga

Liaisons Absent: Oscar Gutierrez, Santa Barbara City Council; Michael Drury, H.L.C.

Staff Liaisons Present: Sarah York Rubin, Jessica Cadiente

Staff Liaisons Absent: Hannah Rubalcava, Molly Wetta

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

The committee approved the minutes from the meeting of 5/19/22 as submitted

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Brown Act Training

Assistant City Attorney John Doimas presented information about the Ralph M. Brown Act requirements.

2. Subcommittee Updates

Members from the Arts Advisory Committee *ad hoc* Subcommittees discussed recommendations and considerations for cultural arts planning and grantmaking. The Committee will schedule a longer meeting dedicated to the review of documents and Subcommittee recommendations.

3. Museum of Contemporary Art Closure

The Committee discussed the announcement of the closure of the Museum of Contemporary Art – Santa Barbara at the Paseo Nuevo Arts Terrace. The Committee wishes to remain apprised of potential opportunities for the space to discuss at future meetings, and to make recommendations to Council as needed.

4. Project Updates

Committee members serving as liaisons in the De la Guerra Plaza Arts Subcommittee as well as the Ortega Park murals meetings shared updates. The next Ortega Park murals meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 28 at the Ortega Park Welcome House.

5. Grants Update

The City of Santa Barbara Cultural Arts Grant program is accepting applications and the next workshop will take place on August 16 at 12 p.m.

FUTURE ITEMS

Conflict of Interest for Gov. Boards and Commissions Workshop
Scheduling meeting to review Cultural Planning documents

STAFF REPORTS

J. Cadiante shared that the Public Library hopes to pursue additional opportunities to utilize the Faulkner Gallery as a space for equitable, inclusive and diverse displays of art and cultural practice. The SBPL hopes to engage further with the Committee regarding possibilities.

ADJOURNMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORTS:

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Written Public Comment

Greetings Sarah,

I hope this finds you well. I am reaching out wanting to send a comment to the arts advisory committee but the agenda lacks clear info and does not list any emails for the clerk.

I am hoping to uplift our work as Healing Justice and respectfully request that our work and need for Black community space be considered as the MCA moves forward. As you know we were incredibly proud to offer Melanin to the Santa Barbara community, and in the process we were able to affirm the gifts and talents of so many under appreciated Black artists in our region. In addition to this we leveraged our art space to create community empowerment and are our archival which documents the existence and persistence of Black residents in Santa Barbara since the early 1800s is nothing short of historic.

I hope that we can engage in a open conversation with the arts advisory committee about the potential to Use this public space to uplift the Black community, as we have been underserved and under represented in city space for decades.

Simone Akila
Co- founder, HJSB

Good Morning Sarah, Arts Advisory,
City Council, and Artists,

Now that it's official, is it possible to work towards making sure the old CAF/MCASB space stays within the art community's orbit? The original contract with the City of SB stipulated that there be a performing art space (Center Stage) and exhibition venue (originally the CAF). The City was literally in partnership with the Paseo developers using Redevelopment money from the State of Ca. They were also mandated at the time to include permanent public art. Under the current new management the original public art has been removed or destroyed. Little has been replaced. That was back around 1990.

If the City of SB wants to call itself an Art City, or cultural destination, it needs to EXPAND it's contemporary offerings , not shrink it.

Could we get this discussion started?

Thanks for your good work on behalf of the art community!

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