



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2024

David Gebhard Meeting Room
630 Garden St. Santa Barbara, CA 93103

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024, was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present:

Darrell McNeill, Chair
Laura Wooster Dorfman, Vice Chair
Margie Yahyavi
Chryss Yost

Committee Members Absent:

Tayllor Johnson
Frederick Janka

Staff Liaisons Present:

Hannah Rubalcava, Office of Arts & Culture Grants & Contracts Manager
Sarah York Rubin, Office of Arts & Culture Executive Director
Brandon Beaudette, Senior Assistant to City Administrator
Talhia Dorado, Administrative Specialist

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally McNeill shared upcoming events being produced by Santa Barbara Black Culture House.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 16, 2023.

M/S/C Yahyavi/Wooster Dorfman. Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstentions: 1; Yost. *Minutes approved.*

DONATION OF WORKS BY ROLAND PETERSON

Motion: A motion was made to approve a donation of seven paintings by artist Roland Petersen for recommendation to City Council.

M/S/C Yahyavi/McNeill. *Motion passes unanimously.*

UPDATE FROM THE POET LAUREATE

City Poet Laureate Melinda Palacio Shared updates regarding activities during her first year in the position, as well as upcoming opportunities.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITION OF MLK DAY PHOTOGRAPHY COLLAGE AND ILLUSTRATIONS FROM “FREE AT LAST: A JUNETEENTH POEM”

Motion: A motion was made to review and approve an exhibition featuring the illustrated children’s book “Free at Last: A Juneteenth Poem,” written by past Poet Laureate Sojourner Kincaid Rolle and illustrated by Alex Bostic, as well as freestanding banners featuring a photographic retrospective of the Santa Barbara MLK, Jr. holiday from 2008- 2022 by artist Rod Rolle.

M/S/C Wooster Dorfman/Yost. *Motion passes unanimously.*

BUSINESS IN ART AWARD

The Committee discussed potential models for the City Business in Art Award.

CENTRAL COAST CREATIVE CORPS ARTIST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff Shared opportunities to promote a new free artist professional development opportunity. The “Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists” web series will launch on February 1, 2024, and is open to local artists of all creative disciplines as part of the Central Coast Creative Corps program.

STAFF & LIAISON REPORTS

- H. Rubalcava presented the Arts Making Impact Grant Opportunity
- S. Rubin introduced New Staff Appointment

FUTURE ITEMS

- 2024 Advisory Group Civility Training- February
- Cultural Planning
- Program Update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.