

Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
May 9, 2005

Commissioners Present: Joanna Stone (Chair), James Allen (Co-Vice Chair), Olivia Lundberg (Co-Vice Chair), Edelgard Brunelle, Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin, Roy Engoron, Casey Hutchins (alternate)

Commissioners Absent: Stacey Vetter

Staff Present: Esther Polito, Cultural Services Manager; Torrey Cummings, Program Assistant; Economic Development Coordinator Mike Webb; Principal Planner Bob Wolcott

Chair Stone called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

1. **Approval of agenda.** Commissioner Engoron moved, and Commissioner Brunelle seconded, a motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously
2. **Approval of Minutes** Commissioner Hutchins moved, and Commissioner Allen seconded, a motion to approve the April 2005 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Written Communications** Regular monthly publications and announcements were circulated.
4. **Public Communications** None.
5. **Staff, City Council, Commission Communications:**
 - A. **North Davis Greenbelt art update:** Staff reported that Jean Van Keuren's project is close to installation.
 - B. **Senior Center Expansion:** Commissioners agreed to hold the reception for Kana Tanaka's piece on June 10th.
 - C. **Lowenberg/Arroyo Dedication:** Commissioners briefly discussed the event, noting that although turnout was low, the event was successful, and children especially seem to enjoy the sculpture.
 - D. **Harper Junior High Project:** Staff reported that there was no further action on this topic.
- 6A. **Public Art Planning** Economic Development Coordinator Mike Webb and Principal Planner Bob Wolcott were present to discuss upcoming projects with opportunities for public art.

Mike Webb described the Third Street Corridor project, part of the redevelopment five year implementation plan, involving landscaped "bulb-outs" intended to slow traffic, increase pedestrian safety and create a more aesthetic environment. Commissioners discussed possible

locations for incorporating public art, including near the post office, and low-profile pieces incorporated into the “bulb-outs”.

Bob Wolcott introduced the University Connections project, which seeks to connect the UC Davis campus, and specifically the Mondavi Center, to the downtown commercial area. He noted that the project is still in the planning stages. Commissioners stated that involving an art consultant early in the planning process would help successfully integrate art into the larger plan by identifying sites which would reinforce the desired sense of connection and way-finding.

6B. Public Art Planning: Commissioners discussed public art possibilities in light of the projects presented above. Commissioner Brunelle reported on the subcommittee meeting. Commissioners directed staff to speak with the community garden coordinator, and to find a map showing city owned property in order to identify potential future sites for art.

Commissioners discussed options for holding a public brainstorming session.

7. Art in Private Development Art in Private Development subcommittee reported on their trip to Sunnyvale. They stated that they were impressed with the program and the tour, and that the Sunnyvale program could easily serve as a model for Davis, with some adjustments to be discussed further.

Councilmember Saylor recommended that the subcommittee be prepared to present policy recommendations and options to the council in the fall.

The subcommittee will meet to discuss options in more detail.

8. Juried Art Show Commissioners briefly discussed preparations. Commissioner Engoron volunteered his assistance and offered to provide food for the reception.

9. Adjourn Commissioner Engoron moved to adjourn; Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Polito
Cultural Services Manager