

**Civic Arts Commission Minutes**  
**Community Chambers Conference Room**  
**November 14, 2005**

**Commissioners Present:** Joanna Stone (Chair), James Allen (Vice Chair) Edelgard Brunelle, Roy Engoron, Casey Hutchins (alternate), Stacey Vetter

**Commissioners Absent:** Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin

**Staff Present:** Esther Polito, Cultural Services Manager; Torrey Cummings, Program Assistant

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Chair Stone called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**1. Approval of agenda.**

**Action:** Commissioner Engoron moved, and Commissioner Brunelle seconded, to transpose items 6 and 7 and approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Approval of Minutes** Minor corrections to the minutes were noted.

**Action:** Commissioner Allen moved to approve the September and October minutes as amended. Commissioner Hutchins seconded the motion. 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 briefly on the dedication ceremony for Jean Van Keuren's Neighborhood Art Project.
- B. 2006 Arts Contract competition** Staff reported briefly on the projects received and outlined the process for review.
- C. Juried Art Show** Staff reminded commissioners that planning would begin in January for the 2006 exhibition.

- D. Other:** Chair Stone formally thanked staff for work on the proposed Art in Private Development project, noting that the efforts of city staff have been an invaluable part of the process.
- E. Other:** Staff Polito reported that members of the DDBA expressed caution about the proposed art in private development Phase I test period. They suggested more incentives for private developers to make cooperation more attractive. Staff stated that another meeting is scheduled with the Chamber of Commerce and the Business and Economic development commission.
- F. Other:** Commissioner Brunelle and Staff Polito stated the need for time to discuss art planning. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.
- 6. Harper Art Proposal** Commissioner Engoron reported on the proposal by art teacher Susan Lewis and artist Temo Moreno for the Harper Junior High mural, both of whom were present at the meeting. In summary, Harper staff is now requesting approval to use the \$1,000 already set aside for a Harper art project to pay for artist Moreno to develop designs and a plan for creating and installing a multi-panel mural at Harper, using students and UC Davis interns as active participants in the process. Staff noted that Harper is also applying for an additional Arts Contract to pay in part for the creation and installation. Ms. Lewis stated that the project would go forward even if they did not receive the art contract. Temo Moreno, the artist identified to create the mural, showed photographs of previous projects and described his methodology. Commissioners agreed that it is important that the mural be different from the mural at Emerson.
- Action:** **Commissioner Engoron moved, and Commissioner Allen seconded the motion to provide \$1,000 as previously approved in concept for planning the project as described by artist Moreno in his letter of intent, and designate Commissioner Engoron to continue working with the junior high on the project. Motion passed unanimously. Staff will prepare a letter of agreement.**
- Vice Chair Allen took over for Chair Stone, who left at this time.
- 7. Public Art Donation Policy** As requested at the Oct. 10 joint meeting, staff reviewed the Civic Arts Commission's role in reviewing donations to the city of Davis, and explained the process that the Frankel park amenity donation went through. By consensus, the commission affirmed the city's existing procedures, that the Civic Art Commission reviews donations to the city's Public Art Collection, using as a guide the city's adopted public art policies; and further, for donations that are not gifted to the Public Art Collection, the Commission will only assist in review if requested by City Council.
- 8. Wentworth/Natsoulas Donation** Staff and subcommittee members reported orally on the proposed donation, stating that a suitable location would need to be found. Commissioners noted that there appeared to be some safety concerns with one of the proposed pieces, so selection and siting would be of importance. Commissioners requested that a field trip to meet with the artist and view the pieces be scheduled.

## **9. Adjourn**

**Action: Commissioner Engoron moved to adjourn; Commissioner Hutchins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Polito  
Cultural Services Manager