

Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
May 8, 2006

Commissioners Present: Joanna Stone (Chair), James Allen (Vice Chair), Casey Hutchins, Edelgard Brunelle, Pat Burkhardt (alternate)

Commissioners Absent: Roy Engoron, Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin

Staff Present: Torreya Cummings, Program Assistant

Chair Stone called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Approval of agenda.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved, and Commissioner Vetter seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the April minutes. Commissioner Vetter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Communications Rich Rifkin, a member of the public and the HRMC, expressed his interest in having recreated a version of the Davis Arches Mural, which was formerly on the Terminal Hotel, by artist Terry Buckendorf. Commissioners agreed to put the item on the next agenda.

Staff, City Council, Commission Communications:

- A. Juried Art Show** Commissioners agreed to discuss schedules and duty assignments at the June meeting.
- B. Alluvium Maintenance and repairs** Staff reported that repairs had not yet begun.
- C. Wentworth/Natsoulas Donation:** No further information.
- D. Other: PCS Fee Schedule Update** Brief update on proposed fee changes. City staff has recommended that the double and quadruple rates for out-of-town users and commercial bookers be temporarily dropped to see if the lowered rates increases facility use.. Commissioners supported the experiment.

Downtown-Campus Connections Concepts and Implementation Plan

Commissioner Brunelle reported on the May 2nd City Council meeting, and noted that the commission may want to be ready with recommendations for specific ways to include the arts in the project. Commissioners agreed to discuss the plans at the June meeting.

Review of Commission's Functions

Staff Commissioners discussed the Commission's functions as described in city code, and stated that a) should read "develop and encourage" c) should mention AIPD, e) should be more specific and address the awkward wording, f) should mention the administration of the Arts Contracts and the commissioning of public art pieces, and g) should mention development and updating of public art guidelines.

Art Planning Committee Planning and Reports Program Assistant Torreya Cummings and Commissioner Hutchins reported on their meeting with the director of the Pence Gallery. Commissioners discussed the questions that arose from the meeting, as detailed in the memo.

- Commission was generally supportive of providing a stipend to the Pence Gallery for administering the project, provided that it did not preclude the use of sites other than the Pence Gallery.
- The Commission does not want to overload the Pence Staff with additional work.
- The Commission recommended that staff contact the gallery director and find out if it would be something gallery staff has an interest or ability to do.
- Commissioners agreed that if the Pence Gallery were to administer the program, the curatorial committee should still consist of commissioners, Pence staff, and artists in the community.

Other Art Planning Rescheduled for next agenda.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Torreya Cummings
Program Assistant