

**Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
September 11, 2006**

Commissioners Present: Joanna Stone (Chair), James Allen (Vice Chair), Edelgard Brunelle, Roy Engoron Casey Hutchins
Commissioners Absent: Stacey Vetter
Staff Present: Esther Polito, Cultural Services Manager

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

1. Approval of agenda.

Action: Commissioner Engoron moved, and Commissioner Brunelle seconded, approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes. Commissioner Hutchins noted that the final sentence for the Juried Art Show Planning item was incomplete. Staff proposed that the sentence be corrected to add the following: “and the commission regarding the exhibit schedule.”

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the July minutes as amended. Commissioner Engoron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Communications. None.

4. Written Communications. Art announcements and monthly publications were circulated.

5. Temporary Arts Project Proposal Staff introduced Renny Pritikin, Director of the UC Davis Richard L. Nelson Gallery, who was be present to discuss proposal. Torrey Cummings, now the Nelson Gallery Assistant, was also present. Staff Polito introduced the item, emphasizing the opportunity for positive partnership with the Nelson/UC Davis. The proposal was developed following the initial temporary art installation study undertaken by Commissioner Hutchins and Torrey Cummings. Staff Polito reported she proposed \$20,000 budget that has been submitted, basing the amount on the Nelson’s proposal and the funds that have previously been set aside for community initiated visual art projects.

Renny Pritikin then reviewed the contents of the preliminary proposal and answered questions. In summary, he explained that he wants to all project activities to take place in downtown Davis over a six month period of time, that he would like the temporary installations to be held at a recurring location if possible (with the S P Depot being a potential spot, if available); that the outdoor performance based art pieces could be either at a recurring location or a individual sites

in large part depending on the artist's needs and the input from downtown merchants; and that publicity will be extremely important. Commissioners discussed the proposal at length, and were highly supportive of the concept.

Action Commissioner Allen moved, and Commissioner Engoron seconded, a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the proposal in concept, with funding not to exceed \$20,000 provided from the Municipal Arts Fund, and direct staff to work with the Nelson on finalizing the details and contracting for the services. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Status of Neighborhood Art Projects Planning Chair Stone and staff Polito reported on their preliminary investigation of the greenbelt site dividing Wildhorse from the subdivisions to its south. Commissioner Engoron and staff will make arrangement to tour a portion on the north Davis greenbelt this Fall. The goal for the project will be to announce a competition in late winter/early spring, 2007.

7. Staff, City Council, Commission Communications:

- A. Commission Resolutions** Staff Polito advised the Commission of the City Council's pending action regarding Commission resolutions. Commissioner Allen suggested that wording emphasizing the partnership with UC Davis be added if possible. By consensus, the Commission directed Commissioner Allen to send proposed wording to staff as soon as possible.
- B. City/UC Connector Project** Staff reported that the city plans to consult soon with the university regarding forming a joint committee to develop a master plan for public art in the project area.
- C. Harper Jr. High Mural** Commissioner Engoron reported that it appears that the project is being installed. Staff Polito reported that Harper staff hopes to have the piece completed this fall.
- D. Donation of sculpture by artist Cedric Wenworth** Staff Polito reported that the work is currently part of an exhibit in Germany. The artist stated that he will be back in touch with the city when the piece is returned to the US.
- E. Tree Davis Sculpture** The dedication is planned for September 22. Tree Davis is emailing invitations, which staff will forward to the Commissioners as soon as possible.
- F. Civic Art Networking** Commissioner Brunelle urged the Commission to plan a networking meeting every year if possible, or every other at a minimum. Commissioners concurred, and discussed planning an event concurrent with the temporary art projects program.
- G. Other Public Art updates** Staff Polito reported that Alluvium repairs will begin next week, and that the Mace Ranch project should be complete by mid-October.

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Polito
Planner and Cultural Services Manager
P:\Cultural Service\CIVICART\CACMIN\CAC MIN 2006\minutes 0906 CAC.doc