

Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
Monday, February 12, 2007

Commissioners Present: Casey Hutchins (Chair), Stacey Vetter(Vice Chair), Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin, Roy Engoron, Robert Smith, Rebecca Ryland (Alternate)
Commissioners Absent: James Allen, Joanna Stone
Staff Present: Esther Polito, Cultural Services Manager

Chair Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

1. Approval of agenda.

Action: Commissioner Engoron moved, and Vice Chair Vetter seconded, approval of the agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Introductions Newly appointed Commission Alternate Rebecca Ryland was introduced to the Commissioners.

3. Approval of Minutes

Action: Commissioner Smith moved, and Commissioner Engoron seconded, a motion to approve the January 2007 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Written Communications

A. Letter from Tom Powers, West Valley Chorus, regarding “Harmony in Our Lives” display at Veterans’ Memorial Theatre. Commissioners reviewed Mr. Powers’ letter requesting assistance on how to proceed with examining policy regarding displays in the theatre lobby, and a memo from Deputy PCS Director Jerilyn Cochran that summarized PCS staff comments and suggestions regarding Mr. Powers’ request. West Valley Chorus wishes to re-display the perpetual plaque and photos honoring recipients of the annual “Harmony in Our Lives” award. The award is co-sponsored by the Civic Arts Commission (CAC) as part of a long-standing agreement dating from the early 1980s. The plaque and photos were on display at the theatre from the award’s initiation, but removed for the recent theatre lobby remodel. Deputy Director Cochran recommended a compromise that would allow the display of the perpetual plaque, subject to further discussion regarding location, maintenance and liability. She also recommended that the CAC refer the matter to the Recreation and Parks Commission (R&PC) for consideration as part of their discussion related to displays in city facilities.

Discussion followed. In regard to referral to R&PC, the Commissioners questioned the need to refer this request to R&PC, in that the theatre is the city's only public performing art venue, and therefore the appropriate location for a perpetual plaque for a co-sponsored music educator award.

Action: Commissioner Engoron moved, and Vice Chair seconded, approval of the following three part recommendation:

1. In regard to the "Harmony in Our Lives" perpetual plaque, the Civic Arts Commission finds that the theatre, as the city's only public performing art venue, is the appropriate display location for a co-sponsored award honoring music educators. The Commission requests that the city permit the permanent display of the perpetual plaque in an appropriate location in the lobby or theatre vomitories.
2. In regard to the photos of current and previous winners, the Commission recommends that the West Valley Chorus develop a professional display of the photos as a stand-alone exhibit. Funding to scan and create a new photo display will be considered by the CAC upon application by the West Valley Chorus. Commissioner Robert Smith will serve as the CAC liaison on developing the display options, should West Valley wish to pursue this idea.
3. Provided that recommendation 2 is completed, the Commission requests that the city permit the display to be exhibited at the theatre for approximately one month each year during the award period.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Regular art-related publications were circulated.

5. **Public Communications** None.

6. **Staff, City Council, Commission Communications:**

A. Nelson Gallery Temporary Exhibit Staff distributed copies of the draft press release for information purposes and comments as needed.

7. **Juried Art Show** Commissioners agreed by consensus that last year's "slightly larger" small works theme will be retained for the 2007 show. Commissioners discussed possible jurors, delegating the selection to Commissioner Vetter. Staff Polito will work on updating the prospectus. Commissioner Vetter and Polito will consult on the announcement postcard and also meet with Pence Director Natalie Nelson to review the event schedule and hanging arrangements.

8. **Commission Goals** Chair Hutchins initiated the continued goal discussion. He commented that the concept of a phantom gallery interests him the most. Commissioner Vetter agreed, adding that facilitating the gallery would require a lot of hours by commissioners and/or staff. Following discussion about new project and goals, the consensus was that further

outreach to Davis art-related organizations (Davis Art Center, The Pence Gallery, The Artery, ACME Theatre, Pamela Trokanski Dance Theatre, Davis Musical Theatre, and any others of a similar nature) would be useful. Staff Polito will contact organizations on the Commission's behalf to see if one or two Commissioners could attend each organization's board meeting.

9. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Polito
Cultural Services Manager

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