

Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
Monday, May 14, 2007

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

Chair Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. Approval of agenda.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2007 meetings.

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

3. Written Communications

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated.

4. Public Communications None.

5. Staff, City Council, Commission Communications:

- A. Nelson Gallery Temporary Exhibit** Commissioner Ryland described the Weed Walk event, and Staff Polito Staff updated talked about the “Train Station Welcoming Committee.” Polito also reported that Diana Jahn’s installation at the substation is now complete and will be on display through June 2. The final substation installation, on display from June 8 – 30, will be a science-fiction inspired interior by Las Vegas artist Stephen Handlee. “The Center for Tactical Magic” and UC Professor Larry Bogard will present the final special event at the depot on Friday, June 8, from 3 to 6 pm.
- B. Mace Ranch Park Art Dedication** Chair Hutchins reported on the May 12 reception for artist Sam Tubiolo, which was attended by approximately 40 people. Mayor Sue Greenwald accepted the piece on behalf of the city and the artist gave slide show presentation about the making of the piece. John McNerney, the city’s wildlife biologist, and artist Tubiolo then gave a guided tour of the artwork and the habitat area.
- C. Resignation of Commissioner James Allen** Commissioner Allen stopped by briefly to explain that he is resigning from the Commission due to health reasons. The

Commissioners and staff expressed their regret, and thanked him for his invaluable assistance. Staff will deliver Commissioner Allen's resignation to the City Clerk, and prepare a proclamation of appreciation.

- 6. City Flag Competition** The Commission discussed the idea of holding a competition to design a city flag that was brought to them in April by Council member Heystek, who was seeking the Commission's opinion prior to asking Council to consider the idea.

By consensus, Commissioners agreed that the city could use the 2008 "Celebrate Davis" event to focus a flag designing event. They suggested that artists could be invited to submit designs and that community members could also design flags at the "Celebrate Davis" event. All designs could then be displayed at city hall, with a number of awards (People's Choice, Best Design by a Youth, etc.) given by the Council. Ultimately, the Council could decide if there was a single design suitable as is for a new city flag or whether there were ideas in the designs that could direct a graphic artist hired by the city to create a final version. Commissioner Engoron volunteered to phone Council Member Heystek to explain the Commission's idea further.

7. Juried Art Show

- A. Post Card Designs** Commissioners briefly reviewed the design options and concurred with staff's selection.
- B. Commissioner participation as artists** This item was continued from the April meeting.

Action	Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Engoron seconded, that the Commission adopt a formal policy barring Commissioners from submitting art work into the Juried Art Show. Motion passed unanimously.
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- 8. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Polito
Cultural Services Manager