

Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
Monday, September 10, 2007

Commissioners Present: Casey Hutchins (Chair), Stacey Vetter (Vice Chair), Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin, Roy Engoron, Erin Jackson (Alternate), Robert Smith, Joanna Stone
Commissioners Absent: Rebecca Ryland (excused)
Staff Present: Katherine Hess, Community Development Director

Chair Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. Approval of agenda.

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

2. Induction of New Member Erin Jackson.

Action: New Member Erin Jackson took the oath of office, and introduced herself. Revised rosters were circulated and corrected.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2007 meeting.

Action: Commission Engoron moved, and Commissioner Stone seconded, approval of the minutes with the correction of “passé” in Item 7 to “passed.” Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Communications None.

5. Written Communications

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated.

6. Commissioner Communications

A. Representative to West Valley Barbershop Chorus Award Committee Staff Hess reported on a request from the West Valley Barbershop Chorus for a Civic Arts Commissioner to participate on its award committee. Commissioner Smith volunteered and was appointed by Chair Hutchins.

B. Treatment of Public Inquiries Vice-Chair Vetter noted that she had been contacted by a community member interested in donating an artwork to the City of Davis. Staff Hess confirmed that she had talked to the artist and provided her with information on the City’s guidelines for acceptance of public art donations.

C. Stonegate Art Show. Commissioner Smith noted invited the Commission to the Stonegate Art Show on September 28th, in which he would have five photographs displayed.

7. **Civic Art Planning** Director Hess provided an update on the proposed contract with the Pence Gallery, noting that it had not yet been brought to the City Council.

Commissioners discussed the conversation they had had with the Pence staff, and the opportunities and risks that would arise from a contract for support services.

Action: Vice-Chair Vetter moved, seconded by Chair Hutchins, that the Commission request the contract with the Pence explicitly state that the Commission makes independent recommendations on civic arts matters for consideration by the City Council. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **2008 Art Contract Competition Guidelines and Schedule** Staff Hess referred Commissioners to the updated guidelines and application that were included in the packet, and noted that she did not think it would be possible to preserve the standard schedule, with staff from either the City or under a Pence contract. Hess recommended the Commission approve the schedule with the competition beginning in January. The Commission discussed alternatives.

Action Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded, a motion to consider the schedule at the September meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners requested a press release, and also send updated information to all artists and groups on the city's mailing list.

9. **City Flag** Staff Hess informed Commissioners that the City Council had approved the request to draft guidelines and a process for holding a design competition for a City of Davis flag. The Commission discussed alternatives.

Action Commissioners Stone and Engoron volunteered to act as a subcommittee.

10. **MFA Art Show** Chair Hutchins reported that he had been contacted by UCD MFA students seeking a venue for their art show, but they had subsequently secured a space.
11. **Future Arts Activities** Staff Hess referred Commissioners to the current General Plan Policies and workplans from other Commissions that were included in the packet, and asked whether the Commission wished to establish a plan for arts activities. The Commission discussed alternatives.

Action Commissioner Engeron moved, and Chair Hutchins seconded, that Chair Hutchins and Commissioner Smith review the materials and make a recommendation on what, if any, action is warranted. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hess
Community Development Director