

**Civic Arts Commission Minutes
Pence Gallery Conference Room
Monday, January 14, 2008**

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

Acting Chair Engoron called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of agenda.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2007 meeting.

Action: Commission Smith moved, and Commissioner Jackson seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Communications Ruth Williams, Executive Director of Tree Davis, announced that she received the 2007 Outstanding Urban Forestry Project of the Year award from the California Urban Forest Council in recognition of the Downtown Treewalk and sculpture.

4. Written Communications

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated.

5. Staff, City Council, Commissioner Communications

Natalie Nelson announced that Robert Reich had been hired as Civic Arts Coordinator, and would be starting that week.

Acting Chair Engoron asked whether unused Arts Contract funds could be rolled over to the following year. Hess stated that that would be staff's recommendation to the Council.

6. Preparation to Juried Art Show. Acting Chair Engoron reported that Commissioner Vetter had a recommendation for the juror selection, but that person has ties with the Pence Gallery. Staff Hess offered to consult with the City Attorney over potential conflicts of interest. By consensus, Commissioners decided to place the juror selection on the February agenda. By consensus, Commissioners agreed to continue the same theme: Small Works: Slightly Larger.

7. **Preparation for Joint Meeting with City Council.** Commissioners discussed topics of funding for arts, the goals of the arts program, and other possible topics. Hess offered to prepare a brief summary of the Commission's recent accomplishments for the joint meeting.
8. **Subcommittee Report: City Flag** No formal report; to be scheduled for a later meeting.
9. **Subcommittee Report: Future Arts Activities** formal report; to be scheduled for a later meeting.
10. **Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Staff was requested to confirm the schedule for election of a Commission chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Hess
Community Development Director