

**Civic Arts Commission Minutes**  
**Pence Gallery Conference Room**  
**Monday, February 11, 2008**

**Commissioners Present:** Roy Engoron, Casey Hutchins (Chair), Erin Jackson (Alternate), Rebecca Ryland, Robert Smith, Joanna Stone, Stacey Vetter (Vice Chair)

**Commissioners Absent:** Suzanna Duffy-Tajeldin

**Staff Present:** Stacey Winton, Community Development Department

**Other Present:** Natalie Nelson, Emily Griswold, Joe Cattarin, Janis Lott, jesikah maria ross

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Chairperson Hutchins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Approval of agenda.**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2008 meeting, as amended.**

**Action:** Commission Engoron moved, and Commissioner Ryland seconded, approval of the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Communications – None**

**4. Written Communications**

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated.

**5. Staff, City Council, Commissioner Communications**

Commissioner Stone asked that when meeting locations change, the Commission be notified by email.

**6. Proposed Changes to Central Park.** Emily Griswold presented the proposed plan. She stated there will be raised beds around the existing sculpture. Plants will include fragrant herbs and a dwarf fruit tree. They will use this area as an educational space. The artists of the two existing art pieces support the proposed plan. Commissioner Engoron asked about lighting. E. Griswold stated additional lighting is not included in the plan. The Commission liked the proposal and felt there would be no adverse impacts to the existing art pieces.

**Action:** Commissioner Stone moved, and Commissioner Jackson seconded, to support the plans as submitted. Motion approved unanimously.

- 7. Public Art Opportunities in the Davis Manor Area.** jesikah maria ross stated they would like to incorporate a public art piece into the remodel of the Davis Manor shopping center. Their goal with the project is to renew and revitalize the shopping center. In 2000, the City sponsored a Charette. A key idea was how art could be brought into the area/center.

Commissioner Engoron asked if there was a neighborhood name for the center that could tie into an art piece, similar to Marketplace. j. ross stated there is not; they need an identity. Art pieces could include a fountain, sculpture, wall or fence. She stated they received a SACOG grant to improve the Eighth Street corridor. She thought a fence sculpture would work into that plan.

Commissioner Vetter suggested a phantom gallery at the center. Commissioner Ryland stated possibly a temporary installation in the parking lot.

Commissioner Vetter stated the neighborhood art project was the last public art project the Commission worked on. The Commission is in transition and they do not have time in their current workplan to add more public art this year. Commissioner Engoron suggested they work on naming the shopping center.

**Action: J. Stone motioned, seconded by R. Engoron, that the Civic Art Commission strongly supports incorporation of artistic elements in the revitalization of the Davis Manor shopping center. The Commission appreciates being approached at the early planning stages of the project. Motion approved unanimously.**

Commissioner Stone stated a stand alone letter should be sent to City staff regarding this issue.

**Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved, and Commissioner Engoron seconded, to have Commissioner Stone compose and send a letter to City Staff regarding the need for public art at the Davis Manor shopping center. Motion approved unanimously.**

Joe Cattarin, Davis Cemetery District, stated the Cemetery would like a public art piece on their grounds as well. He suggested coordinating the art at Davis Manor with the Cemetery.

- 8. Preparation of Juried Art Show.** Commissioner Vetter stated the Juried Art Show is scheduled for June 13-July 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Vetter stated she will not be able to devote a lot of time to the event this year. Her term on the Commission ends in September 2008 and feels this would be a good time to pass on the project to another Commissioner. She asked the Commission to review the task list and decide what tasks they can complete. She stated when artists drop off pieces, they need to receive a receipt. The receipt needs to state all work/project deadlines, when to pick up the piece, etc.

Commissioner Vetter stated they need to select a Juror. The \$300.00 Juror stipend will be continued. The Juror needs to give a brief talk prior to the event and make a final statement of why they selected the winning work. The Commission discussed potential Jurors. The Commission requested Commissioner Vetter make the Juror selection. The Pence Gallery will need a cash box for the event with sufficient one dollar bills. Allison Roe, Pence Gallery, will design the application.

**9. Review of 2007 Art Contract Evaluations.** Staff circulated the final reports and described the process after a contract is awarded.

**10. Civic Art Grants Planning.** Natalie Nelson distributed an update from Robert Reich.

Commissioner Vetter stated that everything that goes out for this project should say “City of Davis” to ensure everyone knows it is the same as previous years. The applications will be circulated on-campus this year in addition to the normal distribution. The Commission would like any unallocated funds to rollover to next fiscal years allowance.

Natalie Nelson stated that Robert Reich is working on updating the Gallery Guide. The Commission suggested putting the document online to easily update and print and to emphasize the walking tours.

**11. Subcommittee Report: City Flag.** The sub-committee drafted guidelines for a contest to select a City flag. This discussion will be suspended pending further City Council action.

**12. Subcommittee Report: Future Art Activities.** These items will be discussed at next months meeting.

**13. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 9:135 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Winton  
Community Development Department