



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, November 10, 2008**

Commissioners Present: Casey Hutchins (Chair), Roy Engoron (Vice Chair), Steve Bonnel, Erin Jackson, Nikhil Joshi (alternate), Rebecca Ryland, Robert Smith, Joanna Stone

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Elvia Garcia-Ayala, Community Services Director
Carrie Dyer, Community Services Supervisor
Bob Reich, Civic Arts Coordinator

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

1. Approval of agenda.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2008 meeting.

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

3. Public communications - None

4. Written Communications

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated by staff.

5. Staff, City Council, Commission communications

A. Reminder of Ethics Training. Staff E. Garcia-Ayala reminded commissioners about the Ethics training on November 12 and on December 1st. All commissioners were encouraged to attend one of the training days.

B. RFQ for the Climate Change Art Project. Staff C. Dyer announced that the RFQ for the Climate Change Art Project was distributed to local artists the week of November 3rd.

6. Introduction of New Commissioners. New commissioners, Steve Bonnell and Nikhil Joshi were introduced. The swearing in procedure took place prior to the meeting being called to order.

7. Proposal for Mural Depicting Farm to School Connection in Community Gardens. Marco Vespignani and Dorothy Peterson of Davis Farm to School Connection proposed to the Commission, the placement of a mural along the wall of the Community Gardens located on 5th street.

Action: Commissioner J. Stone moved and Commissioner R. Engoron seconded a motion in support of the mural and to request that staff investigate the process and necessary approvals for installation of a mural on City property. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Valentines Day Downtown Art Event.** The Commission discussed the possibility of resurrecting the Valentines event that was previously held at the UC Davis Nelson Gallery and revitalizing it into a Downtown event. Commissioner E. Jackson was appointed to a sub committee and will meet with B. Reich to obtain more information prior to moving forward.
9. **2009 Art Contracts Program.** The Commission received a status report on the 2009 Art Contracts Program process and the workshop held on October 20. Staff B. Reich stated that 4 people attended the workshop and that as of November 10, no grant applications had been received. The deadline for grant applications is November 17.
10. **Criteria for Public Art.** The Commission received a staff report on the criteria defining Public Art. Discussion followed on developing criteria for designating which art pieces should be considered Public Art for the purpose of a walking guide accessible via the web and in a brochure.

Action: Commissioner E. Jackson moved and Commissioner R. Engoron seconded for the Public Art guide to contain all art pieces in the City acquired inventory only Motion passed unanimously.

11. **Pence Gallery Contract.** The Commission received a staff report with recommendations regarding the Pence Gallery Contract. The Commission discussed the possibility of two options: 1) Continue the agreement between the City and the Pence Gallery through the second year of the current agreement for administration of the specified Civic Arts Program with minor changes to the proposed annual budget; and 2) Termination of the current agreement between the City and the Pence Gallery.

Action: Commissioner J. Stone moved and Commissioner R. Smith seconded the continuation of the contract with the Pence Gallery for the second year. In Favor: Joanna Stone, Robert Smith. Opposed: Casey Hutchins, Roy Engoron. Abstain: Steve Bonnel, Rebecca Ryland, Erin Jackson. Motion Failed.

Action: Commissioner R. Engoron moved to terminate the contract with the Pence Gallery and retain the coordinator. No second. Motion Failed.

Action: Commissioner C. Hutchins moved and Commissioner J. Stone seconded to call a special meeting for further discussion of the Pence Gallery contract. Motion passed unanimously. Staff will set up meeting for week of November 17.

12. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is December 8, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Dyer
Community Services Supervisor