



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2009**

Commissioners Present: Roy Engoron (Chair), Rebecca Ryland (Vice Chair), Steve Bonnel, Casey Hutchins, Erin Jackson, Nikhil Joshi (alternate), 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
Natalie Nelson, Pence Gallery Contact
Council Liaison: Don Saylor, Councilmember

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

1. Approval of agenda.

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

2. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2009.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Commissioner Stone 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. Senior Center auctioning off painting by Warren Alderbert Westgate. Staff C. Dyer informed Commission that the Senior Center is holding an auction for a painting by Warren Alderbert Westgate. This painting is not part of the City of Davis Public Art Collection.

B. Yolo County Arts Council Member. Staff C. Dyer stated that the Yolo County Arts Council would like the City of Davis to become a member.

C. Proposal to Develop Common Vision with the City, the Commission, and Pence Gallery. Staff. Staff N. Nelson introduced a proposal submitted by Pence Gallery staff for engaging in dialogue to develop a common vision of the City's civic arts program and the roles of the City, the Pence Gallery and the Commission in implementation of that vision.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved and Commissioner Hutchins seconded to put the workshop on the March meeting agenda for the Civic Arts Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

D. Commissioner R. Engoron noted that UC Davis Art Professor Blake Stinson has interns available that could possibly be used for the Juried Art Show.

6. **Valley Seasons Bench and East West Stones.** The Commission reviewed the staff report with additional information regarding the Valley Seasons Bench and East West Stones and heard from the artist Jon Hammond regarding his desire to have the City declare these pieces City of Davis Public Art.

Action: Commissioner Stone moved and Commissioner Hutchins seconded to have staff investigate the Beautification Lease that the City holds with Union Pacific and if it allows, to adopt the installation of the pieces into the City of Davis Public Art Inventory. Motion approved unanimously.

7. **Loan of “Bird Watcher” sculpture by Carolyn Underhill.** The Commission reviewed the proposal and images for the loan of the “Bird Watcher” sculpture. They requested that staff to come back in April with information regarding the length of the loan and the cost of the installation, as well as information regarding the City’s policy regarding acceptance of art pieces on loan.

8. **Juried Art Show.** The Commission reviewed the timeline and budget for the Juried Art Show to be held in June, 2009.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Commissioner Ryland seconded to raise the fee of the Juried Art Show from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per entry. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Animals in Heaven Mural.** The Commission reviewed information regarding the history of the Animals in Heaven Mural located in N Street Park, as well as cost to have the original artist refurbish the mural to its original state. Jennifer Nachmanoff, Emily Griswold and Robin Kozloff, representing the Davis Manor Neighborhood Council, approached the Commission with the neighborhood’s desire to have input into the updating of the mural. Commissioner Bonnel will work with the Neighborhood Group and the original artist, Jeannie Moberly, to facilitate a compromise in the re-creation/refurbishing of the mural.

10. **City Arts Festival.** The Commission explored the idea of having an all City Arts Festival in 2010 and discussed ways to market the event to all genres of artists. The Commission agreed to continue the discussion at an upcoming meeting.

11. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of March 9, 2009.