



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2011**

Commissioners Present: Casey Hutchins (Chair), Marieke DeWaard, Nina Gatewood,
Mary Anne Ingenthron, Nikhil Joshi (Vice Chair), Carrie Whitecotton
Staff Present: Carrie Dyer, Community Services Supervisor
Council Liaison: Dan Wolk

1. Approval of agenda.

Action: Commissioner Whitecotton moved and Commission Ingenthron seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2011.

Action: Chair Hutchins moved and Commission Gatewood seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public communications.

None.

4. Written Communications.

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated.

5. Downtown Arts and Entertainment District. The Commission discussed recent efforts to create a Davis Downtown Arts and Entertainment District and ways the Commission and City can be involved. Melanie Glover of the DDBA joined in the discussion and provided survey results that were acquired from community members and downtown business owners and representatives. The top survey finding was interest in preserving existing art events and venues. Ms. Glover expressed to the Commission that the recent DBID process fees that will be charged to the DDBA, may directly impact the current success of the Downtown Second Friday Art About.

Action: Commissioner Ingenthron moved and Commissioner Whitecotton seconded to recommend to City Council that they consider reversing the DBID process fee of \$16,000 to the DDBA due to the potential impact on the Art About and potential revenue loss that is generated by the monthly event. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Truffini Fountain. The Commission continued to discuss repair and revision plans for the Truffini Fountain, located at the Davis Senior Center.

Action: Vice Chair Joshi moved and Commissioner Whitecotton seconded to find how much the cost would be to remove the inner columns and if under \$1000.00 staff can proceed with removal and discuss with Senior Center how they would like to re-purpose the use of the fountain.

Commissioner Ingenthron proposed a friendly amendment to remove the columns, if under \$1000.00 and to deaccession the Truffini Fountain from the public art inventory

and transfer ownership to the appropriate body at the Davis Senior Center. Vice Chair Joshi accepted the amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Art on Loan.** Due to a lengthy agenda, the Commission proposed putting this item off until a future date.
8. **Approval of 2012 Work Plan.** The Commission reviewed the final draft of 2012 Goals and Objectives for the Commission Work Plan.

Action: Chair Hutchins moved and Vice Chair Joshi seconded approval of the 2012 Work plan. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Urban Greening Project Grant Proposal – Old North Fork of Putah Creek native plant restoration and interpretation project.** The Commission received a presentation from Emily Griswold, Assistant Director of Horticulture at the UC Davis Arboretum asking them to consider providing a Commission letter of support to the grant proposal.

Due to a personal conflict of interest, Vice Chair Joshi recused himself from the agenda item.

Action: Chair Hutchins moved and Commissioner Ingenthron seconded providing a Commission letter of support. Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Art for Putah Creek Bicycle Undercrossing.** The Commission reviewed a recent Letter to the Editor in the Davis Enterprise and engaged in discussion regarding art opportunities in the undercrossing. Emily Griswold was included in the discussion as the representative of the Arboretum. The Commission started to brainstorm ideas and asked to continue the discussion in December.
11. **Staff, City Council, Commission communications.**
 - A. Staff C. Dyer provided an update on the Third Street Improvement Project.
12. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting of December 12, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Dyer
Community Services Supervisor