

RICHMOND ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond
Richmond Conference Room
Thursday, February 26, 2015
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Recorder: Denise Chandhoke

Present: Denise Chandhoke, Silvia Ledezma, Amahra Hicks, Phillip Mehas, Susan Anderson, Brenda Williams

Staff present: Michele Seville

Absent: Ben Steinberg and Kit Pappenheimer

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda: Anderson approved the agenda and Hicks seconded.
- III. Minutes: There were no minutes from the January meeting.
- IV. Presentation on Family Justice Center Percent for Art Allocation:

Staff gave a presentation on the Family Justice Center and CIP Percent for Art. A discussion revealed that the policy process was rushed and a breach of policy resulted. Michele offered the explanation that those who authorized the expenditure did not understand the Public Art Process.

- V. Action Item: Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers:
New officers were voted in for the 2015-2016 year. They are: Co-chairs: Denise Chandhoke and Silvia Ledezma; Vice-chair: Jenny Balisle; and Secretary: vacant.

Chandhoke requested that commissioners send her the names of the committees they are on, and the names of the members of each committee.

- VI. Old Business
 - a. Artists Registry
Jenny Balisle gave an update on the artist registry.
 - b. Richmond Writes!
Staff gave an update on the *Richmond Writes! Poetry Contest*. Currently, 603 poems have been submitted by Richmond students.
 - c. NPA updates by Commission Liaisons
Commissioners gave their reports on the NPA Projects for which they are liaisons.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Artwork in Local Businesses @ One-Stop Center & Café Pascal
Anderson gave a brief summary of Café Pascal's desire to have artwork in their place of business, and Seville did the same for the San Pablo One-Stop Center. A discussion

followed regarding the possibilities of having some kind of program connecting artists with places of businesses. This could be a part of Jenny Balisle's proposal for the Artist's Registry.

VIII. Staff Report

Staff gave an update on the Port public art project, Measure U, Unity Park progress with the Proposition 84 grant, the approval of a new City Council member, Friends of the Arts, and proposed a summer RACC retreat.

IX. Announcements

The Richmond Writes! Award Ceremony will be April 17' 2015 at 6 pm in City council Chambers, 440 civic Center Plaza

X. Adjourn

Philip Mehas adjourned the meeting and Brenda Williams seconded.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7 pm.