

RICHMOND ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Minutes

June 25, 2015
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Richmond Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

In attendance: Denise Chandhoke, Brenda Williams, Maryann Maslan, Rosalie Barnes, Silvia Ledezma, Kit Pappenheimer, Amahra Hicks, Jenny Balisle and staff, Michele Seville

Absent: Ben Steinberg, Susan Anderson

I. Welcome/Call to Order

Susan Anderson will be resigning from RACC

Ben Steinberg will not be attending the retreat

II. Approval of Agenda - Denise moves to approve and Kit seconds:
approved

III. Approval of Minutes- Brenda moves to approve and Maryann seconds:
approved

IV. New Business

- a. ACTION ITEM: RYSE is applying for OUR TOWN grant with National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). They hope to apply for a grant as a tool for communication, hopefully improving the image of Richmond. Looking for a partnership with the City of Richmond. Also looking for outside partnership for matching funds. Maryann moves that we support the application and Amahra seconds; motion is approved.
- b. Creative Industries Incentive Fund Grant (Seville)
Center for Cultural Innovation has awarded a 2 year grant of \$25,000 a year to Richmond to fund a program offering training to youth with local creative businesses. The program is call Richmond**Designs**, and will
- c. Review Retreat Agenda (All) Michele reviews plans and agenda for the RACC retreat this coming weekend.
- d. SF Mime Troupe in Richmond 8/1/15, 2:00 pm. The city waived the fee to make this happen. (Seville)

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- a. Unity Park Update (Amahra) Discussed the community event that happened last weekend. Big plans for murals and art. Questions about

deferred maintenance: Michele reports that there are funds in the budget to support ongoing maintenance. Dumping continues to be an issue. There are cameras at certain locations but City personnel are maxed out. Overall the Unity Park day on the Greenway was a success. The amount of money available for art in Unity Park will determine what, and how much, can actually be done.

- b. Regla Sister City Exhibit Tour (Seville): The Regla Committee wants to put the 95 Cuban prints by Antonio Canet Hernandez about the Cuban revolution on tour. First, the collection needs to be appraised so they can be insured by the City. Anyone know a Cuban art appraiser?
- c. Update on Artwork for Family Justice Center: Denise reports that the CC Times misrepresented the American Teenager Project by naming them as clients of the Center. Discussion of letters to the editor to correct mistake. Michele reports that the reception was put together on very short notice and there was not enough time to acknowledge everyone and everything. Michele sent the director an article to include in her July newsletter that clarifies the art within the center. Radio coverage got it right, however.
- d. Artists Registry Update (Balisle) Jenny and Michele met with Amanda to discuss getting the Art in Windows program going again. This is a collaboration between Richmond Main Street and the RACC that began in 2005. *Richmond Mainstreet* will hold the reception. Malik and Karen Seneferu will be the first artists chosen exhibit their work in downtown storefronts. Kit will get the Bridge truck to move the panels from Pt. Molate. Commissioners were asked to send Staff names of artists they would like to see participate. Michele will send a short description so we can send to artists we know. Soon thereafter there will be a call for artists and a selection process. NOTE: Jenny needs help inputting the artist data into a Google Doc or a spreadsheet.
- e. Reports by RACC NPA Liaisons/Announce Dates (All)
 - Michele Wells, Friday, June 26th, 12:00 – 2pm *The Heartbeat* will show at the East Bay Center. Then Ms. Wells will return to *The War at Home*. Brenda reports that she is “back on track”.
 - Merging Cultures Through Art (Alana) posts regularly videos etc including Dejean Middle School Culture Night, The Greenway project, 42nd and Ohio mural, Little Libraries and Keiko’s project. Her work is well documented. August 6th at 5:30-7 PM premiere of documentary of her project
 - Dove project (Keiko): still awaiting ceiling info; missing doves
 - Totem Pole/ Sculpture project (Tooty): All engineering issues have been resolved!

VI. Staff Report (Seville) Port art project moving along July 13th presentation at BCDC (coastal committee)

VII. Announcements: Brenda shared that on June 14th her film *Against Hate* won second place at SF film festival and got the only standing ovation! Kudos Brenda!!!!

VIII. Adjourn at 9 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 23, 2015