

**Richmond Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 27, 2016
City Hall, Richmond Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA

Present: Maryann Maslan, Silvia Ledezma, Rosalie Barnes, Ben Steinberg, Brenda Williams, Clifton Cox & Rashon Lane

Staff: Michele Seville; Library & Cultural Services Director, Katy Curl

Absent: Jenny Balisle

Guest: Ethan ?

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by Ledezma.

2. The agenda for 10/27/16 was approved

Motion to approve by Maslan, and seconded by Steinberg; unanimous approval.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve 6/23/16 minutes by Maslan, and seconded by Steinberg; unanimous approval.

4. Report on “Confluence” Conference at CA Arts Council (Ledezma)

Commissioner Ledezma attended a conference in Sacramento sponsored by the CA Arts Council. She reported on the conference and brought handouts for the commission’s review.

5. Presentation & Discussion of Richmond Poets Laureate Book (Staff)

The compilation of a book of the work of the three current Richmond Poets Laureate work has been printed, and is being sold for \$10, with proceeds going to the RACC. Lincoln Bergman did the layout for the book, and has overseen the project. Richmond Poets Laureate include Lincoln Bergman, Brenda Quintanilla, and Donte Clark. A suggestion was made to share a copy with the Mayor’s office.

Applications for the 2017 Poet Laureate are now being accepted. The deadline is 2/1/2017.

6. Review New Officer Elections

Williams discussed the new officer election roles, and said that the election committee would be in touch with all commissioners to learn whether they are interested in serving

as RACC officers. In 2017, new officers for the commission will be voted on. Brenda Williams and Maryann Maslan are on the election committee.

7. Percent for Art in Private Development Update

Staff discussed that at the Tuesday City Council meeting on Jan. 24th the proposed ordinance for 1% for Public Art in Private Development will be presented. This will be an informational presentation only; Council will not be voting yet.

Staff also shared that a presentation was made to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and that one will be given also to the Council of Industry.

8. NPA Project Liaison Reports

Final updates were made on the two outstanding NPA projects.

9. Staff Report

Review of the September 2016 Staff Report. A couple of funding options were discussed, including the Americans for the Arts "Our Town" grant, and the CA Arts Council "Creative Placemaking" grant. Both are possibilities for future funding.

10. Discussion about Portland's Street Painting Project

Discussion was held about Portland's neighborhood street painting project, which might be a good fit for Richmond. Minimal costs are involved, and it is generally a grass roots public art project designed to include the community in neighborhood beautification.

11. Adjourn

Williams moved to close the meeting. Ledezma seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting is November 17, 2016