

Richmond Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond
Richmond Conference Room

Thursday, December 14, 2017

In attendance: Brenda Williams, Jenny Balisle, Rosalie Barnes, Silvia Ledezma, and Ben Steinberg

Absent: Maryann Maslan

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

Guests: Linda Kalin (PAAC), and three potential RACC members

- I. Meeting started at 7:10 pm
- II. Approved Agenda at 7:12
 - a. Steinberg moved; Balisle seconded; unanimous approval
- III. Approved Minutes at 7:12
 - a. Steinberg and Balisle made some corrections; Steinberg moved; Williams seconded; unanimous approval
- IV. Action: Review and Vote on PAAC Recommendation for Project Manager for Moody Underpass Public Art 7:14
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Motion to approve Regina Almaguer as project manager for Moody Underpass 7:20
 - i. Motion: Barnes; second: Ledezma; motion passed
- V. Action: Review and Vote on PAAC Recommendation for Artist for Moody Underpass Public Art 7:21
 - a. State of CA Funding: special Successor Agency account, not General Fund. Follows all guidelines: Public Art Advisory Committee selection panel; approval by RACC; Successor Agency Oversight Board; City Council review.
 - b. Selected: Masayuki Nagase was the sculptor selected as a result of a three-artist invitational. Nagase has experience with First Nation-Native American community from past projects, and received the most votes in the selection process.
 - c. Note: Williams added to documentation due diligence with Native American public art selection process. Extensive steps were taken by PAAC and Staff to contact Native American representatives of Ohlone/Miwok tribes. No other local Native American public artists were identified.
 - d. Linda Kalin (PAAC) offered to send a PAAC member to each RACC meeting to provide a report. Balisle already attends, and is a member of both. More active PAAC reporting will follow.

- e. MOTION: Approve PAAC recommendation of Masayuki Nagase as the artist for the Moody Memorial Under pass project.
 - i. Moved by Balisle; seconded by Steinberg; four ayes and one abstention; motion passed
- VI. Discuss/Assign RACC/PAAC Liaisons for Neighborhood Public Art Mini-Grant
 - a. To date six of the ten NPA projects have liaisons consisting of members of both RACC and PAAC. Due to several vacancies on RACC, the four remaining liaison spots have not yet been assigned. Staff will send out a list of the assignments, and liaisons may contact their project managers now.
- VII. Ethics Training
 - a. Staff reiterated that all commissioners must take the mandatory on-line Ethics Training course and turn in a signed confirmation document to the City Clerk by December 31st.
- VIII. Staff Report
- IX. Recruiting
 - a. Staff reported that a recent flyer that was distributed by Email has drawn interest from several people for both the RACC and PAAC. Applications have been made, and we are waiting for confirmation. Discussed process for becoming a RACC member.
- X. Announcements
 - a. Bridge Art Space Reopened
 - b. March 10th is the date for the Sisters in Solidarity event, which will be held in the Richmond Auditorium
- XI. Adjourned at 8:28

Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 25, 2018