

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

**Thursday, October 25, 2018**

In attendance: Jenny Balisle, Rosalie Fay Barnes, Melissa Kirk, Silvia Ledezma, Nava Mizrahi, Ben Steinberg, Antonio Tamayo, and Florene Wiley

Absent: Steven Robinson

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

Guests: Steve Heminger, Joann Pavlinec, and Rasheed Shabazz

I. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Balisle called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

II. Approve Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Ledezma, second by Commissioner Barnes and carried unanimously to approve the agenda, as submitted.

III. Approve Minutes from September 27, 2018, October 4, 2018, and October 11, 2018

Given that the minutes were just submitted, motion by Commissioner Wiley, second by Commissioner Steinberg, to defer consideration of all three sets of minutes to the next meeting.

IV. Public Comment

Joann Pavlinec, Historic Preservation Commission, identified the Commission's Art in a Suitcase Program and sought volunteers for the program.

V. NPA Mini-Grant Scoring Guidelines & Brown Act Overview

Commissioner Barnes presented the Voting Guidelines for the Neighborhood Public Art Mini-Grant Program.

VI. Review All NPA Proposals' Total Scores

Ms. Seville presented an item that had come up after the preparation of the agenda, reported she had received an email from Commissioner Ledezma questioning the validity of awarding an NPA mini-grant to a project that targeted specific groups, and presented the legal opinion from the City Attorney's Office in response to that question. The opinion had indicated that for publicly funded grant applications, a grant application proposing preference to a specific group should be deemed legally suspect and the grant application should be denied.

Motion by Commissioner Ledezma, second by Commissioner Tamayo and carried unanimously to request that Tamara Shiloh, who had proposed *Just Imagine Kidz*, rewrite the language identifying the project with the assistance of the Library and Cultural Services Director.

Motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Mizrahi, and carried unanimously to have Jenny Balisle facilitate the process.

VII. Discussion on Top Six Projects

The RACC discussed the top six projects.

VIII. Individual RACC Members Advocate for One Project Each

Rasheed Shabazz, who had submitted *Richmond Muslims/Peace & Purpose*, reported that he had been disqualified from receiving a grant because he had not attended the training session. He had not been able to attend that training session and he requested that his proposal still be considered.

IX. Final Discussion on All NPA Projects

The RACC discussed all NPA projects.

X. Vote on Final 2019 NPA Selections

Motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Ledezma and carried unanimously to approve the 2018-19 NPA Grant Recipients, as follows:

Anna Scaiano	<i>Bridging the Gap</i>	\$8,000	mural/mosaic
Alfonzo Leon	<i>Richmond Community Mural</i>	7,300	mural
Christy Chan	<i>Inside Out</i>	7,500	video arts
Tamara Shiloh	<i>Just Imagine Kidz</i>	7,600	literary arts
Shantina Jackson	<i>Cops &amp; Kids Unity Mural</i>	6,000	mural
Tania Pulido	<i>Richmond Purple Tree Collard</i>	7,200	literary arts
Tracey Mitchell	<i>Money Speaks</i>	6,000	theater arts

Amanda Elliott	<i>Art Through Transition</i>	6,000	visual arts
Antu Antinao	<i>San Jarocho for Richmond</i>	6,000	music
Ciera Gordon	<i>Multi-Media Showcase</i>	3,400	media arts
	Total	\$65,000	

Motion by Commissioner Mizrahi, second by Commissioner Tamayo, and carried unanimously that if any changes were to occur in the approved list of NPA Grant Recipients, the next approved project would be the next project in the rank of projects.

XI. Open Call for 2018 NPA Exhibition Sub-Committee

Ms. Seville reported that an Exhibition of 2018 NPA Grantees would be featured in the Lobby of City Hall. A subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Ledezma and Tamayo was designated to assist staff in the preparation of the Exhibition.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M. to the next meeting on November 15, 2018.