

Richmond Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes
Nov 20, 2014 7:00 pm
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond Room

I. Call to order Phil Mehas

In attendance: Mehas, Ledezma, Maslan, Balisle, Williams, Smith

Absent: Hicks, Chandhoke, Anderson, Pappenheimer

Staff: Seville

II. Approval of Agenda Maryann moved to approve; Sylvia seconded the motion

II. Approval of Minutes: unanimous

III. Action:

RACC endorsed a film workshop in Richmond. Motion to approve by Brenda, unanimous approval

V. Old business

Review of nomination of officers by nominating committee

Discussion about possible subcommittees for commissioners to join:

Richmond Writes! Poetry Contest

Budget Committee

Artist Registry

Public Art Advisory committee (PAAC)

Strategic Plan Committee

Discussion of Different Projects including STQRY, the online application RACC will be working on in 2015

Staff brought up previous subcommittees including Executive, PAAC, Strategic Planning, Marketing/communications. Also discussed need for a new City Council Presentation about the RACC, and Public Outreach. Ledezma is interested in Presentation to Council. Will discuss committees again next month.

VI. New Business

Discussed how to assign commission liaisons to new Neighborhood Public Art projects. What is the process for selecting projects? The responsibility is to help all the projects. Maslan suggested that each commissioner submit 2 or 3 projects of interest. Could do by choice and lottery, which is similar to last year's process. That was agreeable to all. Staff will send out request electronically asking for your top 3 choices and a reason why. Please submit choices by Wednesday. Commissioner skills should also be considered in pairing with projects. It was finally decided that everyone would put in their choices and the committee, plus Staff, will decide.

VII. Measure U passed which means money for public art.

Money is being spent on street paving, and 1.5% of the total cost will go towards public art at five "Gateways" to the city off I-80. RFQs (Request for Qualification) will go out and City selection policies

will determine the artists. A Call goes out, giving the history of the project, qualifications, location, schedule, etc. Costs for each of the gateways is being worked on now.

Family Justice Center: Staff reported that she visited the FJC, which has been on the CIP list for several years as an inactive project. Location is Macdonald and 24th St. Staff attended meetings about the project and was informed that \$7,500 had been allocated for public art. Staff determining the accuracy of the allocation, but did not contest the amount for now. An exterior metal "Rain Chain" is proposed by the contractor. Staff is suggesting interior art that can be seen by clients: NAID art; American Teenager photos; and commissioned photos of FJC clients and their families.

Q. Mehas - How was the \$7500 amount arrived at?

Who is in charge of the project?

How was RACC not involved until now?

How is Staff able to make a recommendation without the commission being involved?

Phil suggested calling our liaison (Mayor McLaughlin) to explain how this happened (more than once).

Staff suggested that RACC write a letter.

Motion: Invite Vrenesia Ward from Finance to a RACC meeting. Motion approved.

Suggestion: Invite grant recipients to Dec. meeting or wait until January to meet with them.

Discussion of the projects...commissioners as resources...artists have the plan.

Discussion of holiday get together-regular meeting and holiday get together. Jenny will be in Az. Nothing is pending if we skip December. Recess in December. We need to figure out the pm. The 11th is a possible date.

Announcements:

Graduate Assembly Dec 8 from 3 to 7 pm

Eve Ma releasing film in Dec.

New roster of commissioners

Najari- Re Richmond Rides: Dec. 6 ride, tour of trails, EC BART and Richmond Bart. 10am.

Dec 21, Solstice ride. Start 4 pm. Riding through Richmond, holiday party. In 3rd month of being open.

Got grant from Kaiser for \$10k

Najari will resign from commission. Still excited about projects.