

**RICHMOND ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

May 28, 2015

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Richmond Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

In attendance: Denise Chandhoke, Brenda Williams, Amahra Hicks, Jenny Balisle, Kit Pappenheimer; Staff, Michele Seville

Guest: Tamina Walker, FJC; Javier Ochoa, Friends of the Greenway

Absent: Silvia Ledezma, Ben Steinberg, Maryann Maslan, Susan Anderson, Rosalie Barnes

Welcome/Call to order: 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Jenny, and seconded by Amahra

Approval of Agenda: Switched first item to accommodate guest. Moved and seconded

New Business:

- a. Update on artwork for **Family Justice Center** – Tamina Walker from FJC introduces the commission to FJC. Clients (survivors of various forms of abuse and neglect) get wraparound services at one facility. All services are free. **Grand opening in Richmond, Thursday, June 4th, 256 24th Street** (Cross street Macdonald), **3-6 PM** guided tours throughout the building, food, stories shared . Supported at open house by other local agencies (RYSE, East Bay Center for Performing Arts.) Photos from the *American Teenager Project* (a Neighborhood Public Art mini-grant recipient) and NIAD art are on display. Staff to arrange with artists so they can come to open house and see their art on display. (City has donated ATP art; NIAD art was purchased; any remaining art to come with RACC to support selection).
- b. Update on art in **Unity Park on Greenway** (Javier Ochoa)- Unity Park is being coordinated by 17 non-profits who have come together to form a group called Friends of the Richmond Greenway, or FORG. Funded by a State Prop. 84 grant, an 8- block park (Unity Park) will run from 4th St – 8th St and Marina Way to 20th Street. Artwork in the park will include murals and mosaics to discourage vandalism. A Free Community Graffiti Wall will be included for free expression. June 14, 2-6 at Greenway for community feedback on art designs. Staff reaffirms that mural designs AND all design elements (like archways) must still go through City policy. A Call will be put out to artists for

participation. We need a list of the number of art opps throughout the project. Also, what size and location? Javier will send "Budget spreadsheet" of specific arts and amenities to Staff. He is invited to attend the next RACC meeting on June 25th for an update.

- c. Retreat on June 28th. Directions to Kits house at 323 Western Drive, Pt. Richmond. Go straight through town and up Washington. After hill crests, turn right on Bishop, left on Casey, left on Western. Look for bright green mailbox. Park on Casey or Washington. Three spots at house (two behind our cars in carport, one or two in front on gravel.)
- d. Sister City Exhibit Tour- Cuba: *Portrait of a Revolution*
The Regla Sister City committee wants to tour the collection of 95 prints by Antonio Canet. The prints were exhibited at the Richmond Art Center three years ago. The collection needs to be appraised before it can travel, and will be insured by the City. Two appraisal bids are being gathered, and will be paid for out of the Public Art Maintenance budget.

Old Business

Artists Registry Update (Balisle) Staff and Commissioner Balisle met with Amanda Elliott from Main Street Initiative to revitalize the Art in Windows program in downtown Richmond. The program first began as a collaboration with the RACC in 2005.

Reports by RACC NPA Liaisons (All)

- Michele Wells possibly unclear about RACC expectations. Williams will continue to work with her to clarify on her project.
- The Carrot Kid project is on schedule to be finished in June.
- Josue Hernandez' photo exhibit happened at Bridge Arts and is now to reside at Rich City Rides on city panels.
- Raw Talent/ RYSE play *Bag Ladies Butterfly Blues* will show at DeAnza HS on June 7th. Will sell out! Needs to be publicized.
- Keiko Nelson's Peace Dove project needs structural engineer drawings. Needs ceiling material info to proceed.

Announcements

Port public art project is moving forward.

Adjourn at 9:15 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2015