

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, October 13, 2015
City Hall, Pt. Molate Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA 94804**

Present: Fletcher Oakes, Dayna Holz, Kate Sibley
Staff: Michele Seville
Guests: Katy Curl, Jessica Parker, Linda Kalin

MEETING MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

II. Approve Agenda

Upon motion of Holz, seconded by Oakes, the agenda was approved.

III. Approve Minutes

Upon motion of Holz, seconded by Oakes, the September 2015 minutes were approved.

IV. Introduction and Sharing by PAAC Applicants

Applicants Jessica Parker and Linda Kalin introduced themselves and talked about their interests in joining the PAAC and perspectives on civic engagement. There was discussion of the roles and responsibilities of PAAC members, and a brief overview of how PAAC fits in with the RACC and City government.

V. Update on BCDC Review of Port Project

Staff returned to the Design Review Board (DRB) of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) in September to review changes the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) had been directed by the DRB to make to the site design, integrating the aesthetics of the public art project that will be going on the site. WETA has not significantly altered or amended the canopy design, walkway, landscaping, or seating plans to speak to the art. The canopy structure will block sight lines to the art, the seating design is an aesthetic contrast to the seating integrated into the artwork, and the number

and species of trees in the parking area will create a visual density that will obscure the art over time.

The BCDC DRB voted to move forward with the design, despite the concerns, and the next step is for WETA's plans to go before the City of Richmond's DRB. The PAAC will give input to the City's DRB in hopes that the design can be amended to work with the art instead of in conflict with it. The City's DRB will need to approve the WETA plans before BCDC permits are issued to move forward with the art project.

VI. JFK Park Update

The John F. Kennedy Park build day is scheduled as an all-day event on October 24. Activities on this "Make a Difference Day" will include mural painting, tree planting, community garden planting, and installing exercise equipment. The artist has been working with community members to create a mural design that integrates their ideas and concerns. All are encouraged to attend and participate.

VII. Update on Pre-Qualified Artists Pool

Richmond Main Street held a successful Art in Windows opening, a collaboration with several agencies, including the RACC and PAAC. The Artist Registry work is ongoing, and Staff will meet with AC5 in November to review options for collaborating on a database for the Registry.

VIII. Review of Additions to Public Art Inventory

We need new photos of several of the artworks on the inventory. Holz will work with Oakes to coordinate photo taking.

IX. Announcements

- As a winner of the El Cerrito Art Association's annual member competition, Oakes has artworks on display at the El Cerrito Library in a group exhibition of competition winners.
- The Contra Costa Chorale will be performing on November 20 and 21.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Meeting November 10, 2015