

**Richmond Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 15, 2016
City Hall, Richmond Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA

Present: Silvia Ledezma, Maryann Maslan, Rosalie Fay Barnes, Brenda Williams, Rashon Lane, Cliff Cox

Guest: Vanessa Johnson, Family Justice Center; Cordell Hindler, Library Commissioner

Absent: Ben Steinberg, Consuelo Lara, Jenny Balisle

Staff: Michele Seville, Arts & Culture Manager

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by Ledezma.

2. The agenda for December 15, 2016 was approved

Staff acknowledged that three visitors were joining the meeting: Vanessa Johnson, Family Justice Center; outgoing Poet Laureate, Lincoln Bergman; and Cordell Hindler, Library Commissioner.

3. Vote on PAAC Recommendation re Artist Finalists for Family Justice Center (FJC)

Staff provided an overview of the three artists that have been identified for approval for the FJC public art project. They are John Toki, Jered Nelson, and Katy Boynton.

Capital Improvement funds from the City of Richmond were used, so 1.5% of the total project costs went towards public art at the FJC. This process necessitates approval by a Selection Panel, the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC), the Richmond Arts & Culture Commission (RACC), and City Council.

The Selection Panel, which included one member each of the PAAC and RACC, plus an employee of the FJC, received presentations by the artists. The process was facilitated by Staff. The final approval meetings by PAAC and RACC will be held in Mid-January. Members of both PAAC and RACC requested to see the finalists' artwork at their next meetings. Staff also recommended that they attend the selection panel if possible.

Guest Vanessa Johnson shared that she is an intern at the FJC. She is planning an outdoor healing area that will include mosaic tile work focused on a community/youth and children. This space will address interpersonal healing.

Action: Lane made a motion that the RACC approve the PACC's recommendation accepting the Selection Panel's choice for FJC artist finalists. Williams seconded the motion. (5 yeas, 1 abstention)

4. Presentation & Discussion of Richmond Poets Laureate Book

Lincoln Bergman, outgoing Poet Laureate, shared that several events were held during his tenure where all three Richmond Poets Laureate shared their work. The other two Poets Laureate were Donte Clark and Brenda Quintanilla. The compilation of a book of their work has been printed, and is being sold for \$10. Proceeds will go to the RACC. A suggestion was made to share a copy with the Mayor's office.

Applications for the 2017 Poet Laureate are now being accepted. The deadline is 2/1/2017.

Another County-wide poetry competition called *Poetry Out Loud* is also accepting applications, which are due 4/24/17.

5. Review New Officer Elections

Williams discussed the new officer election roles, and said that the election committee would be in touch with all commissioners to learn whether they are interested in serving as RACC officers. In 2017, new officers for the commission will be voted on.

6. Percent for Art in Private Development Update

Staff discussed that at the Tuesday City Council meeting on Jan. 24th the proposed ordinance for 1% for Public Art in Private Development will be presented. This will be an informational presentation only; Council will not be voting yet.

Staff also shared that a presentation was made to the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and that one will be given also to the Council of Industry.

7. Staff Report

A couple of funding options were discussed, including the Americans for the Arts "Our Town" grant, and the CA Arts Council "Creative Placemaking" grant. Both are possibilities for future funding.

8. Adjourn

Williams moved to close the meeting. Ledezma seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting is January 26, 2017