

Richmond Arts and Culture Commission
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond Conference Room
7:00- 9:00
April 23, 2015
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

In attendance: Amahra Hicks, Silvia Ledezma, Michele Seville, Ben Steinberg, Denise Chandhoke, Jenny Balisle, Kit Pappenheimer, Brenda Williams, Susan Anderson
Guest: Kate Sibley
Absent: Maryann Maslan, Rosalie Barnes

Agenda Approval: Denise moved and Susan seconded approval of the agenda.

Minutes Approval: Susan moved and Denise seconded the motion to accept the minutes of last meeting

Old Business

Kate Sibley begins conversation regarding *Richmond Writes*. **Concerns:** project getting bigger each year and needs some way to make the project more manageable so that this is not a burden for Staff- or the few doing the work.

Suggestions:

- *hire a temp to support processing the poems, 2-4 weeks full time needed*
- *a liaison with the school district*
- *assign specific tasks to committee members*
- *establish new rules (ie: two poems per student only)*
- *spend a little money to hire support*
- *create a job description to define the tasks*
- *Ask that poems be written in pen or typed*

Family Justice Center (FJC) Artwork

A recommendation was made on 3/10/15 by the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) concerning the selection of artwork for the FJC, which the RACC approved on 3/26/15. The selection of artwork consisted of: paintings from NIAD, and photographs from the American Teenager Project (A City-funded Neighborhood Public Art project). The selection was made by Susun Kim, FJC Director; Michele Seville, Arts & Culture Manager; and Tim Buckwalter, staff from NIAD. The artwork was chosen for its upbeat colors and images, and the photos for their relevance to

the clientele of the FJC. This selection process was outside the usual Call for Artists, but the best fit for this fast-track project. The PAAC's recommendation was to allow the existing selection process to stand, and to put out a Call for Art for a sculpture at FJC with the remaining funds. Purchases for the FJC artwork will come from the Public Art Fund, where \$24,266 has been deposited. The standard percent for art procedures will be applied to this project for the Call for a sculpture. Grand opening is June 4th.

Artist Registry:

Update by Jenny Balisle- Jenny restated the purpose and where her enthusiasm comes from .Commissioners express their support for the project. Possible businesses Café Pascal and Marina Bar and Grill are discussed and possibly 6 artists who can connect with them.

Reports on NPA:

Michele Wells, project manager of *The War at Home*, presented her amended proposal to include a workshop presentation called *Theatre of Humanity* on April 29th. She discussed the complexities of having formerly incarcerated persons and police officers in the same workshop and the dialog evolving around those meetings.

Commission discussed the incredible timing of the project and possibilities for further publicity; Sylvia, Ben and Jenny have resources for publicity.

Romeo is Bleeding world premiere at El Cerrito High School next Wednesday, April 29th. Get tickets now as it will sell out.

Richmond Rides exhibit on May 16th at Bridge Storage and Arts.

Staff Report:

- Measure U meeting to be on April 29th.
- Port Public Art still delayed by BCDC. First week in May WETA and BCDC to meet with the project manager, Staff, and the artists to resolve the approval issues so that the project can move forward.

Announcements

- RYSE GALA tomorrow night , Friday April 24th. Encouraged to attend.
- UPCYCLE at RAC 11-2 on Saturday , April 25, 2015

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meeting is May 28, 2015