

RICHMOND ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING NOTES

Thursday, March 24, 2016
Richmond Conference Room
450 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond

In attendance: Jenny Balisle, Amahra Hicks, Silvia Ledezma, Maryann Maslan, Denise Chandhoke, and Rosalie Barnes

Absent: Ben Steinberg, Brenda Williams, and Kit Pappenheimer

Guest: Consuelo Lara

Staff: Michele Seville, Staff; and Katy Curl, Director of Library & Cultural Svcs.

- I. Welcome/Call to Order at 7:02 by Silvia Ledezma
 - a. Action: Approve Agenda
 - i. Moved by Maslan; seconded by Balisle; approved by all
- II. Action: Approve past minutes
 - i. Moved by Hicks; seconded by Barnes; approved by all
- III. Review of Neighborhood Public Art (NPA) Grants by Liaisons (All):
 - i. Commissioners reviewed updates for each of the NPA grants. An *NPA Liaison Reports_March* document was distributed with the commission packets containing summaries of each project. Discussion occurred as each project was reviewed.
 - ii. NPA project notes and updates are now being turned in to Staff the week before the RACC meeting so that we can spend time at the meeting in discussion instead of reading our notes out loud.
 - iii. Ledezma and Consuelo Lara (new commission applicant) will take over Lisa Forte's project called "The Storyteller Project". Hicks was originally assigned to it, but must step down from her liaison position.
- IV. Update of Richmond Writes! Poetry Contest (Williams/Staff)
 - i. 255 poems (down from last year because a limit of two entries per student was enforced this year.) Lots of ideas about how to include more student poetry next year (libraries, Boys and Girls Club, Writers/Coach Connection...)
 - ii. City's Copy Center is printing the poetry anthology. Each participating student will receive one, along with a certificate of participation.

- V. Annual Report (All)
 - i. Commission reviewed summary from the Annual Report committee and discussed what to include in the presentation to City Council. Emphasis on the length being about 15 minutes, with photos and a Power Point presentation; possibly a few presentations by NPA grant recipients.

- VI. Staff Report (Seville)
 - i. Percent for Art debate discussed; Richmond is holding off presenting this to City Council pending the outcome of a lawsuit against the City of Oakland on its Percent for Art in Private Development ordinance.
 - ii. City of Berkeley is about to propose a Private Percent for Art ordinance, and the Berkeley arts manager will share the document once it has been voted on.
 - iii. Ford Point public art project is on hold, but the City of Richmond is applying for a BCDC permit separately from WETA in order to move the public art element along more quickly.

- VII. Announcements
 - April 7th, 4-6 pm Richmond Main Street Art in Windows

- VIII. Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next meeting on April 28, 2016