

Richmond Arts & Culture Commission
MINUTES
450 Civic Center Plaza
Richmond, CA
Richmond Conference Room

April 27, 2017

Co-chair Balisle called meeting to order at 7:03 pm

In attendance: Brenda Williams, Jenny Balisle, Rosalie Bares, Maryann Maslan, Rashon Lane
Staff: Michele Seville

Absent: Ben Steinberg

Guest: Florine Wiley, Richmond resident, radio host and marketer; Cordell Hindler, City of Richmond Commissioner, Library Commission

- I. Welcome
- II. Agenda was moved and approved
 - An addition as added to read poems from the recently published Richmond Writes! Book during the announcement section of this meeting.
- III. Minutes were moved and approved. Correction made include adding commissioner Maslan and Lane as absent from the March 23, 2017 meeting.
- IV. Welcome of New Officers-Review Duties/Sub-Committee
 - Staff suggested that there is a need to clarify the description of sub-committee co- chairs and vice chairs. This description will include the common responsibilities for offices. Commissioner Williams will research previous job descriptions and other commissioners will provide edits to the duties of the executive committee. During the May meeting it was proposed by Rosalie Barnes to add a 30 minute discussion to the agenda to discuss the definitions and responsibilities of positions.
- V. Recap of Richmond Writes! & Discussion
 - The Richmond Writes ceremony went well and had a high turnout from students in the district. Photos of the event were shared and Staff provided an overview of the event.

VI. Update: Grant Applications

- Two grant applications have been submitted to explore and document cultural preservation through public art in two neighborhoods: The Iron Triangle and Santa Fe. Applications were submitted to Richmond Community Foundation/ UC Berkeley for \$20,000, and to ECIA for \$20,000. We will have updates in June on the status of these applications.

VII. Staff Report

- Seville provided staff report updates which included the % for Art ordinance that will be proposed to Richmond City Council on June 6th. Commissioners will review the ordinance and research possible policy options for a phasing in restrictions for residential developers.
- Grant funding: the Arts and Culture Division has applied for three grants.
- Staff continue to work with the love your bock grants. The Parchester Village project should be complete in May
- The Richmond Writes Awards ceremony was held on April 14, 2017. One hundred students were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards, including Honorable Mentions. All of the participants received a copy of the 2017 poetry book containing every entry.
- Staff is working with Project Manager Regina Almaguer on the Port Sculpture at Pt. Sheridan.
- Staff and two members of the PAAC are working on the possible donation of a peace sculpture by a private entity in Canada.
- Two commissioners were selected to receive fellowships for the American for the Arts meeting in June. They are Brenda Williams and Jenny Balisle.

VIII. Public Comment

- Library Commissioner, Cordell Hindler provided updates of two upcoming events: 1) The Lost Years at Contra Costa College at 8:00-10:00 pm in the Art Center; and 2) the Crime Blocking Meetings.
- Flo Wiley- suggested that RACC serve as a vendor and promote RACC materials at the annual American for the Arts

IX. Announcements

- RYSE is partnering with Art in East Oakland
- Art and Design events will be held on May 1st which are free to the public
- The County Arts Commission (AC5) held their annual painting workshop
- Commissioners read poems from the 2017 Richmond Writes! Poetry Book

X. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm