

Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission  
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 – 1:00-3:00pm  
Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Lobby Floor, Hall of Justice  
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call: 1:02pm**

Commissioners present - Chair Robin Rodricks, Sam Stewart, Laura McHugh, Vice-Chair Karen Chew

Staff: J. Tolmasoff

Commission contractors: E. Mallouh, B. Koodrin

**2. Agenda Amendments:** None

**3. Oral Communications:** None

**4. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

**November 12, 2014:**

Approval of minutes tabled until next meeting as only two of the current commissioners (Rodricks, Chew) were present for the November meeting.

**5. Reports:**

**A. Curatorial/galleries report, via Chair:**

Outgoing Curator Silvestri via Chair Rodricks, provided the latest information for the upcoming shows at the Caldwell, Community, and Rotunda galleries.

Caldwell: Sue Petterson and Stephen Johnson – nature photography

Community: Pat Barr, Susan Pizzi, Diana Day Glynn, Rose Nieponice

Rotunda: Dan Woodard – wood sculptures

New Curator Boris Koodrin will be handling the exciting new shows for 2015.

**B. Grants Program Manager report:**

1. Sixty-two applications were received from local schools, totaling \$6,200.00 in micro-grants for this grant cycle. Grants Manager Mallouh updated the Commission on the grants programs and projects for the upcoming season.

2. The second workshop will be discussed between Chair Rodricks and Grants Manager Mallouh; then, their ideas will be presented for discussion with the Commission. Mallouh was asked provide project ideas for the California Arts Council (CAC) one-time fund this year.

## **6. Action Items:**

### **A. Motion to hire contractor for County Gallery Curator.**

Mr. Boris Koodrin was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Koodrin comes to us with a wealth of experience in the arts as a well-established artist and Curator for the San Mateo County Fair Arts Program.

The commission voted to approve his contract for the year January 15, 2015 to January 12, 2016.

Motion made by K. Chew; seconded by L. McHugh

Motion passes 4-0.

### **B. Motion to renew annual American for the Arts membership -- \$150.00 annual membership**

This group membership includes membership for 6-10 people. AFTA provides extensive services including research, advocacy and statistics for the arts.

Motion made by K. Chew; seconded by L. McHugh

Motion passes 4-0.

### **C. Motion to join Californians for the Arts/California Arts Advocates -- \$50 annual membership**

The commission directly benefits from the CAC in the ways of advocacy and indirectly by key lobbying, funding gifts, and Governor Brown's office.

Motion made by K. Chew; seconded by L. McHugh

Motion passes 4-0.

### **D. Motion to join *California State Summer School for the Arts Scholar Network***

The CSSSA offers State-Local Arts Partners a \$750 stipend, to promote this one-month intensive arts program that offers college-level training to high school students. Promotional materials are supplied, including press release templates, postcards, and flyers. Last year, 15 students from San Mateo County attended CSSSA, and received an invaluable experience that will give them an advantage when they attend college. This will be the Commission's third year in promoting this valuable program.

Motion made by S. Stewart; seconded by K. Chew

Motion passes 4-0.

### **E. Motion to approve sixty-two Arts Education \$100 Micro-grants: \$6,200.00.**

Motion to approve L. McHugh; seconded by K. Chew

Motion passes 4-0.

## **7. Staff and Commissioner Reports**

### **A. Staff:**

**Juda Tomaloff** presented the updated roster for the commission and staff. The roster will be uploaded to the Google Drive folder, where everyone can update their contact information as needed.

## **B. Commissioners:**

### **Robin Rodricks:**

- a. December 4, 2014: attended the first LGBTQ Commission kickoff meeting, with Honora Miller serving as director. The attendees discussed and presented their mission, values, and strategy plan. Rodricks offered our commission's support and future project collaboration.
- b. Poet Laureate of San Mateo County: Announcements were made, asking for the public to submit their love poems for Valentine's Day.
- c. New EPA Music & Arts Center, funded by John & Marsha Goldman Foundation: met with Task Force lead, Deborah Frieden, and the Youth Action Team who are heading up the project. Building has been located and will be leased in late spring, with build-out to begin in fall, and open in early 2016. Ms. Frieden will keep in touch with Commission regarding potential collaborations.
- d. Meeting with Supervisor Carole Groom: Upon past funding proposals, Measure A and otherwise, Rodricks entered a proposal for part-time administration help for 2015. We're asking for \$8,200 to supplement current available funds, plus a one-time funding from the CAC.

### **Karen Chew:**

- a. *North Fair Oaks Forward* project: continues with media exposure (see online KQED interview with Kent Manske), further development of public art projects, and continued community engagement. Arts Leadership Council Member Sherrill Swan to provide updates in the future.
- b. Strategic Plan reminder: Chew proposed a (half day) workshop for the commissioners to update the Strategic Plan.
- c. New business cards and name tags to be ordered for the new commissioners.
- d. Reminder to update, organize and upload files to the Google Drive folders.
- e. On a personal note, she and Mike got married, at the County Chapel, over the holidays.
- f. Commissioner Chew subscribed to Brisbane's Live at Mission Blue concert series. On Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, Rodricks and Chew attended their first concert, featuring baroque music and encourage everyone to attend this wonderful series

### **Reminder:**

Jan 22, 2015, 5:30-7:00pm: Board of supervisors *Thank You Reception* for all commissioners and volunteers to be held at the History Museum, downtown Redwood City.

## **9. Meeting adjourned, 3:01pm.**