

Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission  
Wednesday, March 12, 2014-1:00-2:30 pm  
Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Lobby floor, Hall of Justice  
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

1. **Roll Call**, 1:00pm  
Commissioners present: Donald Mulliken, Sherrill Swan, Robin Rodricks, Karen Chew  
County Staff: Peggy Jensen, Juda Tolmasoff  
Commissioner Staff: Esther Mullouh
2. **Agenda Amendments**: None
3. **Oral Communications**: None
4. **Consideration of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 19, 2014**  
Motion to approve by Chew.  
Second to approve by Swan.  
Motion passed 3 ayes, 1 abstain.
5. **Reports**
  - A. Curator's Report (Rodricks): Buyer interest in 2 Ruth Water's works at exhibit in Rotunda. Next show at Caldwell Gallery: plein air oil paintings. Next show at Community Gallery: 1 person show, all media. Successful annual Women's show: 82 entries which is 20 more than last year; 53 artists compared to 30 artists last year. \$820 (\$10/entry) received in entry fees. Cost of exhibit shared with the Commission on the Status of Women. Awards were presented to winning artists at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Mulliken suggested that signs be created for each of the galleries saying "Sponsored by the San Mateo County Arts Commission". Tolmasoff will check to see if this can be done.
  - B. Grants & Workshop Program Manager's Report: Mallouh stated that it has been a slow process getting checks to teachers for the mini grants. She will find out which school districts are having the most problems and work with the County Office of Education. \$7,100 has been granted in micro-grants; \$2000 is earmarked to be granted to the Boys and Girls Club. Mallouh has tried to contact the Director of Youth Services Center about granting money for a mural and art supplies, but is getting no response. Jensen to contact Jim Keene, the Chief Probation Officer to see if there is any interest. Swan to send Jensen information about the proposed grants.
6. **Action Items**
  - A. Adoption/approval of Arts Education Grant for San Mateo County Youth Services Center (YSC): See above. Vote tabled until Jensen contacts Jim Keene and reports back about YSC interest.
  - B. Adoption/ approval of funds for Commissioner attendance at Americans for the Arts Conference: Not to exceed expenses of \$1200 approved for Chair Rodricks to attend the conference. Motion to approve by Chew. Second by Swan. Motion passed: 3 ayes, 1 no.
7. **Staff and Commission Reports**
  - A. Staff Reports: General discussion of commission budget. Suggestion that budget allocation for education vs. program grants be sent at the beginning of the year. Mulliken suggested that funds be set aside for Commissioner education. Roderick

asked if any progress on filling 5<sup>th</sup> District slot. No progress has been made. Rodricks will contact the South SF Arts Commission to see if they know of candidates.

B. Commissioner Reports

- i. North Fair Oaks Project: First workshop meeting held and Swan and Chew attended. Discussion of why, what, who, and where as regards public art in the North Fair Oaks community. Suggestion to do some things quickly to make an impact. County staff are going door-to-door to businesses and sending out 2500 surveys to collect information about what improvements and public art people want in the area.
- ii. Mulliken stated that the Peninsula Arts Council (PAC) is requesting \$3000 to jointly develop a web site with the Arts Commission. Rodricks pointed out that the Commission decided that it did not want to create a separate web site. Swan suggested that Mulliken contact the Visitors and Convention Center who may have interest in working with PAC on

8. Discussion Items

- A. Measure A Funding Project: Rodricks is emailing a proposal to increase the grants program to Jensen.
- B. Arts Commission Advisory/Auxillary Committee: Lee Thompson opined that there is not support for expanding the Commission to 2 persons per district. Other commissions have one person per district representation. The formation of Advisory groups was discussed. Member qualifications will be discussed at next Commission meeting. Jensen identified two advisory groups which could be models; Mid Coast and Pescadero advisory groups.

**Adjournment** at 2:30pm.