

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 27, 2009
City Council Chambers
Oakland City Hall

1. **Creative Prologue: East Oakland//81st Avenue Community Library Public Art Project.**
Presentation and Project Update by Artist Rene Yung; Community Partner and Volunteer Recognition for *Our Oakland: Eastside Stories* Digital Archive Community Events (website: <http://oaklandspeaks.weebly.com/project.html>). Ms. Yung received the commission for the library project in 2006. She was joined by students at Youth Uprising who helped collect community oral histories for the digital archive, and Anne Wettrich, associate director of education for the Center for Art and Public Life (California College of the Arts), a project supporter.
2. **Call to Order / Determination of Quorum:**
A regular meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) was held in City Council Chambers of Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 3rd floor, Oakland, CA 94612. The meeting convened at 6:15 p.m. without a quorum. A quorum was achieved at 6:55 p.m. Lori Zook was the Acting Chairperson.
Present: Jacqueline Boggan, Stephen Goldstine, Joyce Gordon, Terry Hill, Nicole Neditch, Devin Satterfield*, Brian Vejby, Lori Zook
Absent: Marcel Diallo, Jonathan Owens, Esteban Sabar, Velfrances Young-Dillard
Excused: Matais Pouncil
Staff: Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Programs Coordinator and Department Liaison to the CAC; Samee Roberts, Manager, Cultural Arts & Marketing Division; Kristen Zarembo, Assistant Public Art Coordinator
* denotes partial attendance
3. **Open Forum:** No speakers.
4. **Action Item:** Approval of minutes, March 23, 2009 special meeting.
Motion: Commissioner Satterfield moved to approve minutes.
Second: Commissioner Neditch
Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Boggan, Goldstine, Gordon, Hill, Neditch, Satterfield, Vejby, Zook
Noes: none
Abstentions: none
Motion passed.
5. **Informational Report: Arts & Culture Funding Prognosis:** John Killacky, San Francisco Foundation. Mr. Killacky was unable to attend so the item was deferred to a future meeting.
6. **Informational Report: CAC April 14, 2009 Special Meeting and Annual Retreat Planning.** The retreat will take place on Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Rockridge Branch Library, and will focus on development of a cultural plan for Oakland. Mr. Killacky will facilitate.
7. **Report on Cultural Arts Programs Budget & Staffing.** S. Huss reported on status of staff positions and schedule of City budget hearings.
8. **Public Art Advisory Committee**
 - A. **PAAC Meeting Report:** Commissioner Boggan.
 - B. **Action Item: Review and Take Action on PAAC Recommendation to Commission the Team of Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable to Create Artwork for the Measure DD: Watershed Art Markers Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$92,000.**

Motion: Commissioner Goldstine moved to recommend award of the project commission to the team of Ene Osteraas-Constable and Scott Constable, with Mark Brest Van Kempen as the alternate, per the PAAC recommendation.

Second: Commissioner Neditch

Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Boggan, Goldstine, Gordon, Hill, Neditch, Satterfield, Vejby, Zook

Noes: none

Abstentions: none

Motion passed.

C. Action Item: Review and Take Action on Public Art Advisory Committee Recommendation to Amend 2009 Public Art Projects Plan to Define Site for Public Art Project at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park and to Define Artist Selection as a Limited Invitational Process.

Motion: Commissioner Goldstine moved to approve the PAAC recommendation as written, establishing the new entry gate at Peralta Hacienda Historical Park as the site for public art and the limited-invitational artist selection process.

Second: Commissioner Satterfield

Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Boggan, Goldstine, Gordon, Hill, Neditch, Satterfield, Vejby, Zook

Noes: none

Abstentions: none

Motion passed.

9. **Informational Report: Oakland Cultural Trust and Other Arts Advocacy Efforts.** S. Huss reported. The Oakland Cultural Trust met on April 21, 2009. The group adopted membership guidelines at this meeting. The OCT is becoming a key advocacy group in support of the arts and City funding for the arts in Oakland as well as investigating a broader spectrum of arts funding opportunities. All public interested in arts advocacy in Oakland are welcome. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 from 12 to 1:30 pm in the East Bay Community Foundation Conference Center.
 10. **Discussion Item: CAC Vacancies – New Members, Reappointments, and Nominations to Mayor.** Six seats are about to become vacant, with one appointment pending before Council. Acting Chair Zook recommended adding one youth representative and called for nominations; a shorter term for the youth member was suggested.
 11. **Informational Report: Oakland Arts Marketing Campaign Update.** S. Roberts reported. The Oakland arts marketing campaign will launch in June. Cornerstone: a central arts website including events calendar, public art directory, and possibly ticketing function; arts organizations and artists are welcome to create their own profiles. Cooperative arts marketing will include TV spots, viral marketing and more press coverage on the arts. Two key events are planned: June 18, “Uptown Unveiled,” celebrating the emerging arts district; October 2, “Oakland Arts Day” with a fall arts and dining promotion. The Art & Soul festival has been moved from the Labor Day weekend to mid-August this year. Oakland is also participating in the East Bay Cultural Corridor partnership to showcase all arts offerings as a region.
 12. **Recognition of Departing Commissioners Stephen Goldstine and Nicole Neditch for Excellent Service and Leadership on the CAC.**
 13. **Agenda Building**
 - a. Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2009, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
 - Retreat debriefing
 - Arts funding prognosis (if Mr. Killacky or another funding leader is available)
 - Update on request to amend CAC Charter
11. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.