

**City of Oakland  
Cultural Arts & Marketing Division  
Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)  
Minutes  
October 7, 2013**

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**Members Present:** Judy Moran (co-chair), Kevin Chen, Allison Cummings, Nick Dong, Jennifer Easton, Joyce Hsu, Andrew Woodd (co-chair)  
**Excused:** Joyce Hsu  
**Absent:**  
**Staff Present:** Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Manager; Kristen Zaremba, Senior Public Art Project Manager  
**Guests:** Jill Broadhurst, David Burke, Brett Cook, Senay Dennis, Amana Harris, West Lake Middle School students

**Meeting Chair: J. Moran**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. **Open Forum:** Jill Broadhurst, Montclair district community representative, introduced a proposal for a painted mural to be placed on the non-functioning retaining wall originally associated with a train trestle bridge in the Montclair District. Ms. Broadhurst, NCPC chair for the Montclair Area, and other community members are spearheading the project, for which they will raise an estimated \$50,000 to hire a professional muralist. PAAC members expressed general interest in the project and emphasized the importance of preparing a maintenance plan, particularly given the existing site conditions including the Western exposure and water damage to the existing wall. A formal presentation will be made to the PAAC once an artist is selected and a design is prepared for review.
3. **Minutes: A. Woodd moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 PAAC meeting. J. Easton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Action Item: Oakland Super Heroes Mural Project #2 Proposal from Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC).** Cultural Arts Manager Steven Huss introduced the project, the second in a series of murals proposed for West Oakland Caltrans underpasses, initiated by Attitudinal Healing Connection in West Oakland. The first mural, located on San Pablo Avenue, was funded by an Oakland redevelopment grant and completed in July 2012. Amana Harris, Associate Director of AHC, presented an overview of the proposal developed for the underpass located on Market Street between 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> streets and explained that AHC will be fundraising for this project, kicking off with a crowd-funding campaign in November. David Burke is overseeing the project. Senay Dennis, known at Refa One, was selected as the lead artist through a competitive process to work with students from West Lake Middle School on development of the theme and imagery for the work. The students described their individual roles in development of the project, and the vibrant, colorful final design. PAAC members complimented the students on their work and noted the final mural will represent a valuable contribution to public art in Oakland. **A. Woodd moved to approve the Oakland Super Heroes Mural Project #2 Proposal from Attitudinal Healing Connection, created by Senay Dennis and West Lake Middle School students, for the Caltrans Underpass located on Market Street between 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> streets. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Action Item: Cultural Funding Program 2012-13 Individual Artist Grantee Brett Cook Project.** Senior Public Art Project Manager Kristen Zaremba introduced Oakland artist and

Cultural Funding grant recipient Brett Cook. Mr. Cook presented some background on his past work, his process, and the goals for this project. The 2012-13 edition of *Reflections of Healing*, a series of painted portraits celebrating four community members, will be installed on the chain-link fence at de Fremery Park in West Oakland during the 2013 Life is Living Festival. The subjects are identified as individuals active in or locally relevant to the West Oakland community, including Ms. Phyllis Lun, Keith ‘K-Dub’ Williams, Kokomon Clottey, and Tarika Lewis. The portraits were painted on plywood and collaboratively colored by community members and finished by the artist. Oakland Parks & Recreation has given approval for the project, which will remain in place for a minimum of three years. The artist will be responsible for maintenance during that time period. **J. Easton moved to approve the Reflections of Healing Portraits project by CFP 2012-13 artist grantee Brett Cook for de Fremery Park. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Action/Discussion Item: Public Art Advisory Committee Vacancies.** Committee members and staff discussed potential new PAAC members. K. Zaremba referred PAAC members to the resume of Evelyn Orantes, artist and arts administrator at the Oakland Museum. Committee members discussed the relevant skills and viability of other potential nominees. Staff will contact nominees and solicit resumes if needed for the next meeting. **J. Easton moved to approve the nomination of Evelyn Orantes for the Public Art Advisory Committee. J. Hsu seconded.**
7. **Informational: Project Updates: Staff updates on pending and completed projects.**
  - A. **Uptown Art Park:** S. Huss reported that artist Randy Colosky’s sculpture *Barbican* was damaged beyond repair on the evening of September 19<sup>th</sup> during a concert at the Fox Theater. This was the same night the textile artist known as Ishknits removed her work from Mr. Colosky’s other sculpture. A police report has been filed and Mr. Colosky is interested in making a new work for the park. All the other sculptures in the park have been treated well and respected by the community, while some sections of the fence fabric have been tagged repeatedly and cut. Staff will be looking at alternative approaches to treating the fence fabric. PAAC members concurred and suggested hiring local artists to modify the designs. Looking forward, four performances scheduled for October 19, and October 24 – 26, will complete the NEA grant requirements. Gamelan Sekar Jaya, a Balinese music and dance company, will perform the first night. Ragged Wing, a theater company, will perform a new play over three nights the last weekend. All performances are free and open to the general public. Details will be sent to PAAC members.
8. **Other Business: ArtPlace and NEA “Our Town” Funding Opportunities:** S. Huss reported that two grant opportunities are coming up. Staff will issue an RFP for proposals for the NEA Our Town grant, as only one application may be submitted by each city, whereas Oakland may submit multiple applications to ArtPlace.
9. **Announcements:** None.
10. **Agenda Building:** (A) Review NEA Our Town Proposals. (B) Vote on committee nominees. (B) Ongoing current and new project updates.
11. **Adjournment:** **A. Woodd moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**