

**City of Oakland**  
**Public Art Advisory Committee**  
**(PAAC)**  
**Minutes**  
**October 5, 2015**

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**Members Present:** Bryan Cain, Kevin Chen (co-chair), Allison Cummings, Nick Dong (co-chair), Joyce Gordon

**Excused:** Joyce Hsu, Evelyn Orantes

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Kristen Zaremba, Acting Cultural Arts Manager;

**Guests:** Saied Karamooz, John Vallerga, Shannon Kim (Public Art Program Intern)

\*Indicates partial attendance

**Meeting Chair: N. Dong**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. **Open Forum.** Property owner Saied Karamooz spoke to the committee members about the mural reviewed at the September 14th meeting, for the District 3 Anti-Graffiti mural for the White Building at 327 – 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Karamooz, the property owner, apologized for being unable to attend the meeting, and explained that he was not aware that the mural proposal should have been presented to the PAAC prior to execution by the artgroup Community Rejuvenation Project. PAAC members acknowledged the confusion about the process and recommended Mr. Karamooz consider expanding the mural to address the areas which have previously been tagged and covering the entire work with an anti-graffiti clear coating. Acting Cultural Arts Manager Kristen Zaremba confirmed that At-Large Councilmember Kaplan retained the authority to award the grant to the project as the mural design was reviewed at the September meeting.
3. **Minutes: K. Chen moved to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting. J. Gordon seconded. Motion passed.**
4. **Informational Item: Solar Activated Temporary Installation Proposal for City Hall – John Vallerga, UC Berkeley Space Sciences Laboratory with Liane Lijn, Artist.** Mr. Vallerga presented a proposal for a solar-activated installation, with the working title *Endios - Solar Cities*, to be situated atop City Hall and visible up to 1 mile away. The project, an iteration in a series of installations conceived of by Mr. Vallerga and artist Liane Lijn, has previously been installed on the Golden Gate Bridge and is currently installed on the UC Berkeley Campanile. The Oakland City Hall installation would rely on a spectro-helistat assembly using prisms to project fixed rainbows of light from City Hall. The installation would be visible from various points around Oakland and the Bay Area, and observers could schedule an appointment on-line to have the light point directly at them. PAAC members discussed some of the technical challenges of installing the work on City Hall, expressed enthusiasm for the concept and invited Mr. Vallerga to return at a future meeting with an expanded proposal. They requested details addressing the artistic intent, theme and message of the project, as well as plans for outreach. Some suggestions included signage at key points around the city, such as Lake Merritt, as well as via websites, an app, or other on-line engagement tools.
5. **Discussion Item: Uptown Art Park 2016 Installation Plans.** K. Zaremba reported on upcoming plans to remove the two Karen Cusolito sculptures from the Uptown Art Park and a recent walking tour coordinated by the Planning Department in conjunction with the American Planning

Association conference, which featured the Art Park. She further recommended removing the remaining Eric Powell and Randy Colosky sculptures, as the area is perceived as a construction zone until the contractors using the lot as a staging area complete their work at Latham Square. Staff and intern Shannon Kim will work with PAAC member Nick Dong to explore the feasibility of hosting a rotating installation of art housed in shipping containers. As the project site development is still a couple of years out, Committee members agreed it would be advantageous to place more work at the site. K. Zaremba will report back on possible options and available budget at a future meeting.

6. **Discussion Item: PAAC Retreat.** K. Zaremba proposed holding a joint retreat with PAAC and the Funding Advisory Committee in early 2016. PAAC members supported the proposal.
7. **Informational Item: Project Updates: Staff updates on pending and completed projects and program activity.**
8. **Announcements:**
9. **Agenda Building:** Review PAAC nominees for current and upcoming vacancies. Plan PAAC retreat. Uptown Art Park 2016 Installation plan. Anti-Graffiti Mural proposals from District 2.
10. **Adjournment: A. Cummings moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**