

City of Oakland
Public Art Advisory Committee
(PAAC)
Minutes
June 6, 2016

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

Excused: Bryan Cain, Yulia Pinkusevich (non-voting)

Absent:

Staff Present: Kristen Zaremba, Acting Cultural Arts Manager; Joe Saxe, Public Art Project Manager

Guests: Deborah Koppman, Justin Metoyer Mullon, Daniel Panko

*Indicates partial attendance

Meeting Chair: K. Chen

1. Meeting called to order at 5:41 p.m.
2. **Open Forum.**
3. **Minutes: A. Cummings moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 Public Art Advisory Committee Meeting. J. Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Action Item: Cultural Funding Program 2015 Individual Artist Grantee Deborah Koppman Proposal for Café Dimond, located at 3430 Fruitvale Avenue- Design Review.** Acting Cultural Arts Manager Kristen Zaremba introduced the item and the artist. Cultural Funding Program recipient Deb Koppman described the goals for the project. This is a new location for the grant project, due to new City requirements for creating work on publicly owned facilities, including the Dimond Library as originally proposed. Committee members complimented the designs and encouraged the artist to explore her idea to extend the project from the façade down to the ground plane at the café entry. K. Zaremba promised to share information regarding materials sources for translating designs to non-slip materials. **Motion: E. Orantes moved to approve the mural proposal for 3000-38th Avenue. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Action Proposition 84: Durant Mini Park Mural Project – Attitudinal Healing Connection – Final Design Review.** K. Zaremba referred PAAC members to the staff report, noting that staff have been working with Attitudinal Healing Connection and their project artists over the last two months and were unable to secure a design approval in May due to lack of quorum. The designs are now further developed and must move forward due to funding time constraints. The designs will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on June 8th, prior to implementation of the mural in late June. The artist team, Justin Mullon and Daniel Panko, described their final designs. Committee members complimented the revised proposal and provided some suggestions for refinement of the central image of the lion’s head. **Motion: E. Orantes moved to approve the final designs for the Durant Mini Park Public Art Project, by Attitudinal Healing Connection artists Justin Metoyer Mullon and Daniel Panko. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Action Item: Measure DD: Lakeside Green Streets Public Art Project Final Design Review.** In the artists’ absence, K. Zaremba presented the project and referred the PAAC to the updated

design presentation. The construction project is now going out to bid and the project will commence later in 2016. The artist team Wowhaus revised their roundel plaque designs and confirmed locations near the lake to create a stronger connection between the Snow Park/ rain garden sculpture and the seating area adjacent to the lake. The plaque designs now include a brief text plaque providing orientation to the project. Committee members thanked the artists for their revisions. Some expressed a desire to have greater opportunity for input during design development but acknowledged the design budget and time constraints limited opportunity for altering the design direction now, some years after the project was originally conceived. **Motion: A. Cummings moved to approve the final plaque designs and locations for the Measure DD: Lakeside Green Streets Public Art Project by the artist team Wowhaus. K. Chen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. **Action Item: MacArthur Gateway Arches Public Art Project- Alternate Artist Recommendation – Eric Powell.** K. Zaremba directed PAAC members to the staff report on this item and prior discussion regarding the community-based selection panel’s recommendation to designate Mr. Powell as the alternate artist, noting that it would be appropriate to award the project to Mr. Powell, according to Public Art Program standard practice when the originally selected artist declines the commission . **Motion: N. Dong moved to approve the MacArthur Gateway Arches Public Art Project Selection Panel recommendation to award the commission to the alternate artist, Eric Powell. E. Orantes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
8. **Action Item: Public Art Advisory Committee Nominees – Review and Take Action on Current Committee Nominations: Patricia Carino, Jennifer Kessler, Donna Napper.** K. Zaremba directed PAAC members to review of the resumes and credentials for the current nominations. PAAC members discussed the strength of the current candidates, and ongoing goals to recruit future members from across the city. **Motion: A. Cummings moved to the nominations of Patricia Carino, Jennifer Kessler, and Donna Napper as PAAC members. J. Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
9. **Informational Item: Project Updates: Staff updates on pending and completed projects and program activity.**
 - a. **Program Activities: Technical Assistance Workshops, Private Percent for Art Program, Caltrans Underpass Projects – Bloomberg Associates, Staffing:** K. Zaremba reported that a series of technical assistance workshops for artists were offered in conjunction with the City’s Small Business Week events in early May, with very positive feedback. Zaremba noted that she continues to hold discussions with private developers and Planning department staff to ensure compliance with the new Public Art in Private Development requirements, and to attend land use coordination meetings with Caltrans and other City staff to address changing Caltrans Transportation Art requirements. Bloomberg Associates is consulting with City staff on recruitment for the new Cultural Affairs Manager. Interviews are underway.
 - b. **Proposition 84 Projects:** Golden Gate and Rainbow Recreation Centers. A community-based selection panel will be meeting in late June to review a shortlist of artists from the pre-qualified artist pool for the Golden Gate Recreation Center. The art opportunity calls for three wall treatments, including a work in the youth lounge, as specified in the original state grant application, and must be completed by the end of 2016. The Rainbow Recreation Center artist selection will commence once the Golden Gate Recreation Center project is underway. More information will be presented at the July meeting.
10. **Announcements:**
11. **Agenda Building:** Golden Gate Recreation Center finalist recommendations.
12. **Adjournment: J. Gordon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. E. Orantes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**