

City of Santa Rosa  
Art in Public Places Committee  
November 2, 2009 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Art in Public Places Committee was called to order by Chairperson Evans at 3:35 p.m. at the Steele Lane Community Center in Santa Rosa, CA.

2. Roll Call

Present: Allen, Charnofsky, Evans, Fisher, LaBerge, Richardson, Sawyer

Absent: Anderson, Curiel-Larios, Flock, Gorin, Jang-Poulsen, Rabinowitsh

3. Public Comments – None

4. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2009. Approved as submitted.

5. Chairperson's Comments/Announcements – None

6. Scheduled Items Presented for Possible Decisions at this Meeting

6.1 Budget Update

Art Coordinator Matheny-Schuster distributed a written report detailing Arts Program expenditures, revenues and projected reserves for 2009-2010. Revenues are way below expectation for 2009 and are not expected to increase in 2010 due to the drop in development which produces the one percent for art and the arts district funds. The committee will keep a close watch on expenditures in order to insure adequate funds to staff program commitments. In addition, staff reported on a proposed restructuring of the numerous accounts for the arts program. When finished, there will be one main expenditure account and one main revenue account. Project numbers will be used to track different expenses and income. The committee directed staff to move ahead with this as quickly as possible so we can keep better track of our finances.

6.2 Nissan Public Art

Matheny-Schuster reported on the Selection Panel's membership, design criteria and the process for selection of the finalist for the Nissan Public art piece including PowerPoint visuals of the three pieces chosen as finalists. The Panel recommended the bicycle obelisk piece by Mark Grieve. The motion was made by John Sawyer, seconded by Pauline Fisher, to endorse the Selection Panel's choice and forward that recommendation to Council for approval. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

6.3 Staff Reports and Updates

A. Street Performer Program. Staff continues to work with a City-wide committee, including the City Attorney's office, to prepare a draft ordinance and implementation process. It is hoped the draft will be available for review at the art committee's December meeting.

B. Seth Minor Artwork Installation. Staff reported this piece of art was being installed while the meeting was taking place. The agreement stipulates a three year loan of the piece, similar to other Artwalk agreements.

C. Flooding at the Phantom Gallery. Due to roof repairs begun just before the last rain storm, there was some flooding at the Phantom Gallery site. No artwork was damaged and the owner of the building is making repairs and assisting with “drying” out the interior of the building.

D. Committee “At-Large” Membership Application Process. The “Call for Applications” has gone out and is listed on the City’s website. Current at-large members have received applications. The deadline for submitting applications is November 20<sup>th</sup>. A selection panel, including Art Committee members, will screen the applications and this Committee will then make recommendations to Council.

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Art in Public Places Committee is scheduled on Monday, December 7, 2009, 3:30 p.m. at the Steele Lane Community Center in Santa Rosa, CA.

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