



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE  
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

Civic Center Plaza, Suite 924  
1200 Third Avenue, 92101  
Thursday, February 5, 2009

**PAC Members Present**

Victoria Reed  
Mathieu Gregoire  
Roman de Salvo  
Constance White

**PAC Members Absent**

Joanne Hayakawa  
Tina Yapelli  
Anne Marie Purkey Levine  
Randy Robbins  
Michael Krichman

**Commission Staff Present**

Dana Springs  
Christine Jones

**PAC Ex Officio Members Present**

Jean Cameron  
Alissa Gabriel  
Bobbi Salvini  
Yvonne Wise  
Eric Overstreet for Nazie Mansury

**PAC Ex Officio Members Absent**

Kim Duclo  
Michael Marks  
Brent Lindberg  
Alex Garcia  
Genevieve DePerio  
Lucy Contreras

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**I. CALL TO ORDER & CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Public Art Committee (PAC) of the City of San Diego (City) Commission for Arts and Culture's (Commission) was called to order by Victoria Reed at 12:05 p.m.

1. **Commission News-** Reed noted that a quorum was not present.

Reed thanked Randy Robbins for his many years of service as the PAC Chair and said that she looks forward to working with him as PAC Vice Chair.

Reed announced that the Commission will host the cultural tourism summit, "The Authentic San Diego Experience: Selling the City Without Selling Out" on Wednesday, March 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom with guest speaker Jim Gilmore, co-founder of Strategic Horizons LLP and co-author of the books

“The Experience Economy: Work is Theater & Every Business a Stage” and “Authenticity” What Consumers Really Want.” PAC members are invited to attend.

Reed announced that in partnership with the San Diego Foundation, the Commission will participate in an economic recovery and support initiative for nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through technical assistance and training to build capacity and sustainability during a time of economic downturn.

2. **Committee Appointments** - Reed welcomed the PAC members were appointed by the Commission for one year terms beginning in January and thanked them for their service.

Reed announced that the Commission appointed Roman de Salvo as one of the City’s representatives on the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan Public Art Committee. Roman replaced Mary Beebe, whose term had expired. Reed and Robbins are the other two representatives for the City. New representatives for Centre City Development Corporation and the Port of San Diego are expected to be announced in the next two months.

3. **FY10 Budget** - Reed announced that the City’s Fiscal Year 2010 budget process has begun. The City Council’s Budget and Finance Committee has scheduled meetings to discuss the budget in February and March. Mayor Sanders will present his proposed budget to City Council on April 14. Review, hearings and deliberations will continue through June 2009. The Commission is currently planning its advocacy strategy.
4. **PAC Members’ Goals**- Reed reported that she is currently reviewing the PAC members’ goals which were collected over the summer to determine how best to proceed.
5. **Port’s Signature Art Community Advisory Group** - Reed asked Yvonne Wise to update PAC members on the project. Wise reported that the three shortlisted artist teams (Bideau Company of Ballan-Mire, France; the Peter Fink team of London, UK; and the team of Ned Kahn/ Patrick McInerney Associates/ Jason Edling of California) attended an informational meeting and tour of the bridge in December. She reported that the teams will be submitting their video proposals on March 31. Funding for the project after selection of the artist team is still to be determined.
6. **Centre City Development Corporation’s Downtown Lighting Master Plan** – Reed reported that the Centre City Development Corporation is currently working on a manual for lighting downtown. The manual is approximately 50% complete.
7. **Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library Educational Space** - Reed reported that the design team recently submitted their construction documents to the City for review. Additionally, the design team is working with Library Department staff on developing curriculum for the educational space. The project is anticipated to be completed by fall 2009.

8. **Other Announcements** - Reed announced that Catherine Sass left her position as the Public Art Director for the Port of San Diego and Wise, who was appointed the Acting Public Art Director, replaces Sass as an ex officio member of the PAC.

**II. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**III. ACTION – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Due to the lack of a quorum, Reed deferred the action for approving the December 4, 2008 minutes until the next meeting.

**IV. ETHICS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND BROWN ACT**

Reed introduced Sharon Spivak, Deputy City Attorney. Spivak gave an overview of the Brown Act, highlighting its intent to ensure that deliberations and actions of decision-making bodies such as the PAC are open and public, and that meetings must be open to the public, held on a regular schedule, and follow a noticed agenda. She also informed PAC members that any congregation of a majority of the PAC members at the same time and place to hear, discuss, or deliberate on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the committee is considered a meeting. She cautioned PAC members of discussing matters within the committee's subject matter jurisdiction outside of noticed meetings and via email because it could be considered a violation of the Brown Act if a majority is involved.

**V. DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION: MANAGEMENT OF THE CIVIC ART COLLECTION**

Dana Springs and Christine Jones presented the draft of the administrative regulation. PAC members gave input and feedback.

**VI. DRAFT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION: CIVIC ART COLLECTION MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Springs and Jones presented the draft of the department instruction, which includes the revised collecting mission and scope of the collection. PAC members gave input and feedback.

**VII. 2008 PUBLIC ART PROGRAM YEAR IN REVIEW**

Springs provided an overview of the Public Art Program in 2008.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. **Monetary Donation from Niki de Saint Phalle** – Springs reported that the date for the release of the Request for Qualifications for the public art project utilizing a \$25,000 donation to the City from the estate of Niki de St. Phalle is still to be determined.
- B. **National Endowment for the Arts Grant – Mural Conservation** – Reed directed this report be deferred to the next PAC meeting.
- C. **Changes to the Port's Public Art Program** – Springs announced that there have been many recent new appointments to the Port's Public Art Program Committee. She also reported that the City's representative, Courtney Coyle, recently sent a letter to

Commissioner Mike Najera, Chair of the Port's Public Art Committee, with a list of requests for the Port's Public Art Committee to consider when they vote to approve the 2009/2010 public art acquisition list. A copy of the letter was distributed to PAC members. Wise added that the Public Art Program budget is no longer a percentage of the Port's budget. It is now flat rate of \$1.2 million a year which includes administrative and operating expenses.

**D. Other Updates** – Jones distributed a list of the locations for the nineteen early California paintings that were recently conserved.

**IX. MEMBER REPORTS**

Constance White reported that the San Diego Airport Authority's Art Program has a number of public art projects in progress by Louise Bertlesen and Po Shu Wang, Stuart Keeler, Einar and Jamex de la Torre, Christie Beniston, Jim Campbell and Anne Mudge. She also reported that they are in the process of creating an art gallery at the airport.

Alissa Gabriel reported that Council Policy for the City's Storefront Improvement Program is currently being revised. Public art is a component of the policy and corresponds with the Commission's public art policies. She anticipates the policy revision going to City Council on March 2 or 3.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.