



**Civic Arts Commission
Monday, November 9, 2009
Minutes**

Commissioners Present: Roy Engoron (Chair), Rebecca Ryland (Vice Chair), Steve Bonnel, Casey Hutchins, Erin Jackson, Joanna Stone
Commissioners Absent Nikhil Joshi (alternate), Robert Smith
Staff: Carrie Dyer, Community Services Supervisor
Bob Reich, Civic Arts Coordinator

Commissioner Roy Engoron called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of agenda.

Action: Commissioner Casey Hutchins moved and Commissioner Steve Bonnel seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2009.

Action: Commissioner Casey Hutchins moved and Commissioner Steve Bonnel seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public communications.

A. Emily Henderson and members of the ACME Theater group gave a presentation to the Commission about ACME and its involvement with the community.

4. Written Communications.

A. Regular art-related publications were circulated by staff.

5. Staff, City Council, Commission communications.

A. Staff B. Reich updated the Commission on the Art Grants and stated that he has met with a few people regarding their applications.

B. Staff B. Reich updated the Commission on the Public Art plaques that have been ordered for the 16 pieces that do not have signage.

C. Staff C. Dyer briefed the Commission on the completion of the N Street Mural, Animals in Heaven project.

D. Staff C Dyer briefed Commission on the "Davis Got Talent" competition put on by the Community Services Department and requested a Commissioner to be a judge. Chairperson Roy Engoron volunteered for the position.

6. Wildhorse Benches. The Commission received a proposal from local artist Juli Ann Blanco regarding a refurbishment to the benches in the Wildhorse greenbelt.

Action: Commissioner J. Stone moved to go forward with the completion of two benches using Municipal Fund dollars, not to exceed \$5,000. Commissioner S. Bonnel requested a friendly amendment that there will be community collaboration at the discretion of the artist. Commissioner E. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Climate Change Art Location.** Staff C. Dyer provided the Commission with an update on the Davis Commons, as the proposed location for the Solar Filling Station.

Rich Rifkin approached the Commission stating that he is in favor of the Davis Commons location as an appropriate place for the Solar Filling Station. He further recommended that there be a plaque placed next to the piece stating that it is located on Historic Highway 40.

Action: Commissioner J. Stone moved and Commissioner C. Hutchins seconded moving forward with the site plan, pending approval from Davis Commons. The motion passed as follows:

5 – Yes

1 - Abstain

8. **Celebration of the Arts Month.** The Commission further discussed the idea of a Celebration of the Arts Month.

Action: Commissioner C. Hutchins moved and Commissioner S. Bonnel seconded declaring October as “Davis Celebration of the Arts Month”. Motion passed unanimously.

This item will be on the agenda in February to discuss ways to promote.

9. **Poet Laureate.** The Commission received a staff report with recommendations regarding the City of Davis Poet Laureate honorary position. Commissioners J. Stone and R. Ryland agreed to be on the subcommittee for the selection of Poet Laureate. They will identify a Council Member, Community Member and UCD representative to be on the selection committee.

10. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting of December 14, 2009.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Dyer
Community Services Supervisor**