

# MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 24, 2009  
10:00 a.m.  
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 70

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## Draft Minutes

Commission President P.J. Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

### 1. Roll Call

#### Commissioners Present

P.J. Johnston, President  
Maya Draisin, Vice President  
Cass Calder Smith  
Sherri Young

#### Commissioners Absent

Jeannene Przyblyski

### 2. President's Report

President Johnston made no report, and there was no public comment.

### 3. Director's Report

Mr. Cancel reported on budget hearings by the Board of Supervisors, and interest expressed by the Board in increasing commissions to San Francisco artists. The Committee discussed the value of Cultural Equity Grants, which are open only to San Francisco artists. They discussed the importance of keeping calls for entry open to local, regional and national artists, the fact that the Arts Commission can't solve the challenge of affordable space for artists, and the fact that promoting a protectionist policy can ultimately hurt San Francisco artists if they are not eligible for projects in other jurisdictions.

The Committee also discussed Civic Design Review and how to make the process work better with client departments and Bureau of Architecture staff, and to ensure design excellence for the City.

Vice President Draisin left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The Committee discussed working with client departments to come to Civic Design Review earlier in their design process.

Mr. Cancel also reported on discussions with the San Francisco Symphony on the agreement between the Symphony and the Arts Commission. The Committee discussed whether the Arts Commission would have any influence on the programming if the agreement were changed to a year-round series.

There was no public comment.

4. **Arts Commission Strategic Planning Process**

There was no report on strategic planning, and no public comment.

5. **Honorarium for Facility Oversight**

Mr. Cancel reported on the Mexican Museum, and the agreement with consultant Denise Bradley to work with their leadership. He reviewed the deliverable dates and discussions with the Redevelopment Agency. He explained that this motion would authorize disbursement of a part of the \$30,000 already authorized by the Commission.

There was no public comment, and the motion was unanimously approved as follows.

Motion to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to provide an honorarium to Denise Bradley for her general services with the Arts Commission pertaining to facility pre-development management in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

6. **Old Business**

The Committee discussed the timing of proposed amendments to Section 149 of the Planning Code, and Mr. Cancel gave a brief update on the Mayor's Art Award.

There was no public comment.

7. **New Business**

There was no new business.

8. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

9. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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