# MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, October 26, 2009 3:00 p.m. 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 70

# **Draft Minutes**

Commission President P.J. Johnston called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

#### 1. Roll Call

#### **Commissioners Present**

P.J. Johnston, President Maya Draisin, Vice President Sherri Young

#### **Commissioners Absent**

JD Beltran Cass Calder Smith

## 2. President's Report

President Johnston reported on recent successful events, including Art in Storefronts, and the Gallery's Passport.

There was no public comment.

### 3. Director's Report

Mr. Cancel reported further on Art in Storefronts, and Vice President Draisin added her praise for Passport. Mr. Cancel reported on the search for open positions in Arts Education and the Cultural Equity Grants program, and on the status of the Mexican Museum.

There was no public comment.

#### 4. San Francisco Symphony Agreement

Mr. Cancel explained the background of the agreement with the San Francisco Symphony, which will now cover twelve community concerts throughout the year rather than the summer pops series, and which will name the Arts Commission in all of its advertising and publicity for those concerts.

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

Motion to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into contract with the San Francisco Symphony to produce twelve concerts during the 2009-2010 season, in an amount not to exceed \$1,899,510.

# 5. Public Art Fund Expenditure

Mr. Cancel described the Public Art Fund and his proposal for the expenditures listed in the motion. The Committee expressed its support for the Gallery.

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

Motion to approve the allocation of \$100,000 from the Public Art Fund to support several activities including the Mayor's Art Award, the Arts Commission Gallery, the Arts Commission Strategic Planning expenses, and other administrative functions.

#### 6. Old Business

Mr. Cancel reported on the status of the strategic planning process and requested the names of additional stakeholders who should be interviewed by Department of Human Resources consultant Teri Jourgensen.

He also reported that there was no word from the Mayor's office on his choice for the Mayor's Art Award.

He reported that the Visual Arts Committee had discussed the deaccessioning of the Bernal Library mural, now significantly deteriorated. He added that the community was sharply divided, with vociferous support on both sides of the question of its fate. President Johnston clarified the point that the mural was not part of the Civic Art Collection, but that the Arts Commission had a role because the mural is on a public building; thus, the Arts Commission can either approve or stop the Library's plan, but cannot intervene otherwise, despite the long and heated discussion.

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 3:46 p.m.

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