

**SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Date: January 17, 2001
4:00-6:30 p.m.

Central Library/WEST Meeting Room-Floor Level
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- I. CALL TO ORDER at the hour of 4:07 p.m. by Chair Wong.
Present: Bonacci, Chiang, Miller, Sronce, Wong, Woodlock. Absent: Friedman, Le. Excused: Gawthrop
- II. APPROVE AGENDA OF JANUARY 17, 2001.
Moved: Sronce; seconded: Miller. Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 3
- III. APPROVED MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2000
Moved: Woodlock; seconded: Chiang. Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Absent: 3
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 MINUTES)

*Tenny Hale
Max Baer
to Cary Jung
x1279*

V. ACTION ITEMS:

A. APPOINT VICE CHAIR AND APPROVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (WONG):

No Commission action necessary to appoint Daphne Gawthrop Vice Chair.

B. APPROVE REVISION OF SAM PANNELL POOL ARTS PLAN PROPOSAL (BLOOM/POREMBSKI):

APP COMMITTEE ACTION: APPROVE Meeting January 10, 2001 Ayes 6 Noes 3 Absent 0
COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Chiang; seconded: Bonacci Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 3

Artists Robert Schumacher and Sonya Peterson presented their draft ideas for the Sam Pannell pool and reception desk. The primary colors of the water pipes already in place will be carried into the pool art and reception area. There are three considerations to choosing the artist: (1) Invitational as opposed to open call for artists because the pool was completed far faster than the project manager anticipated and the pool will open March 2001; (2) An additional \$3,000 was requested for the reception desk art; and (3) Schumacher and Peterson were the alternates chosen for a light rail project and, as such, had already been viewed by the APP Committee and approved. There will be a community meeting on January 19, 2001 to present the art concepts to the public and get feedback that will help create the design.

C. APPROVE DESIGN FOR MAX BAER COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE PROJECT BY JENNY HALE (BLOOM/POREMBSKI):

APP COMMITTEE ACTION: APPROVE Meeting December 6, 2000 Ayes 7 Noes 0 Absent 3
COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Miller; seconded: Woodlock Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 3

Jenny Hale did the mosaics on the Max Baer Clubhouse 5 years ago; she is going to use the same technique and medium for the additional work. The total budget was only \$6,000; therefore, the City will install the artwork for her. The design she is using is to symbolize hope, drawn from a candlelight vigil the community held to take back their neighborhood from thieves and vandals.

D. APPROVE ARTIST SHANSHAN SHENG AND HER PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC ART IN THE SOUTH NATOMAS LIBRARY (BLOOM/POREMBSKI):

APP COMMITTEE ACTION: APPROVE Meeting January 10, 2001 Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 1
COMMISSION ACTION: Moved: Chiang; seconded: Bonacci Ayes 5 Noes 0 Absent 3

Chair Wong recused himself and Commissioner Woodlock chaired this portion of the meeting.

The purpose of a library, and artwork, is to educate, therefore the artwork to be installed is called "Universal Language of Knowledge," 24 multi-colored acrylic panels, each depicting a major language used in the South Natomas neighborhood, including one for computer language. The spiral sculpture hanging from the ceiling is "very 21st century, carrying all the past and looking to the future." Each panel will hang separately and is designed to cast shadows on the walls and floor.

Of special concern to some of the Commissioners were the cleaning and safety factors and who would be responsible for the cost, each concern being addressed separately. Cleaning will require only a dusting once a year when the ceiling bulbs are changed, and an engineering report on the safety of the wires will have to be paid for every two years. These costs should be factored into the City maintenance costs, as it is important that South Natomas have quality artwork. The APP Committee needs to put together a maintenance plan and present it to the Commission and Council soon.

Another issue discussed was the similarity of this proposal to several Ms. Sheng has submitted for other projects. This one was different in shape and meaning, according to the artist. Because the materials and technique are similar doesn't mean the proposals were the same.

A member of the community, Cyndy Baren-Filer, stated that the community approved the proposal, and the library has considered the possibility of "Universal Language" becoming a signature piece for the entire South Natomas area. The community has considered creating postcards of the South Natomas Library artwork to raise funds for the cleaning of the art. This is a legal issue that will have to be worked out with the artist once the

work is installed.

VI. PRESENTATION(S): None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM(S): Economic Impact Studies will be discussed Friday at the Convention Center with the community and chambers of commerce with regard to philanthropy and not-for-profit organizations.

VIII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: None

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT: 2001 Cultural Arts Awards: Laurie Heller is requested to report on second year reports at the next Commission meeting. The reporting dates were changed so the grants would be given earlier to accommodate the season.

The Commission will have a retreat in late April or early May to prepare the new commissioners for meetings with Bob Thomas and Terry Schutten to prepare for the 2003 FY budget. The Economic Impact Studies and stabilization procedures currently in place will clarify dollar needs. The budget request needs to include a maintenance plan.

The Sacramento art world needs a marketing firm and a lobbyist to work for them like San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco have. Barry Hessenius should be approached with regard to this matter.

On January 30, 2001, the City Council and Board of Supervisors are going to honor Gerry Kamilos for his work as chair of the Commission. This is also the date of the Fellowship presentations. An appropriate gift for Kamilos was discussed, as well as a permanent art piece on K Street Mall dedicated in his name.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

XI. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS: North-Highlands/Antelope Library dedication is going forward this week, and the California League of Cities artwork was in place and dedicated in time for the mayor's conference here in Sacramento this week. The EPA dedication is scheduled for 3/24, though the artists can't all be present for that date, so the artwork will be dedicated sometime in April, date to be announced later.

II. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 by Chair Wong.

THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2001.