



Bernalillo County Arts Board

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2014 2:00 p.m.

**African American Performing Art Center
310 San Pedro SE
ABQ NM 87108**

Members Present:

Shawn Turung, Vice Chairperson, Dist. 1
Leo Korte, Dist. 2
Sondra Diepen, Dist. 4

Louis Schalk, Dist.1
William Burk III, Dist. 5

Member Present by Phone: Sarah Hartford, Chairperson, Dist. 3

Members Excused:

Ron Romero, Dist. 2
Myrna Smyer, Dist. 5
Margie Weinstein, Dist. 3

Guests:

None Present

Staff Present:

Commissioner Art De La Cruz, Dist. 2
Dolores Herrera, Assistant to Commissioner Art De La Cruz, Dist 2,
Nan Masland, Public Art Manager

I. Call to order

Chairperson Hartford is available by phone. Vice-Chair Turung calls the meeting to order.

II. Approval of the agenda:

Vice-Chair Turung entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

B. Burk moves to prioritize Commissioner De La Cruz in his presentation of La Corriente del Valle posters upon his arrival.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Burk

SECONDER: S. Diepen

III. Approval of the minutes:

Vice-Chair Turung entertained a motion to minutes from September 2014.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: B. Burk

SECONDER: S. Diepen

IV. Action Items and New Business:

1. “A is for Art” Auction

L. Korte, L. Schalk and S. Hartford initially previewed 180 thumbnails of artworks that would be for auction at “A is for Art” and selected a handful to see in person. From there, they selected five pieces to be purchased. B. Burk states that he is glad that the Arts Board supports young artists through the purchase of artwork from the Auction and from Focus on Youth.

2. La Corriente del Valle –Commissioner De La Cruz

Commissioner Art De La Cruz and Assistant Dolores Herrera present posters of “La Corriente Del Valle” Mural to the Arts Board members. He was impressed by the invitation that Ambyre Callahan designed and wanted to see it made into a poster. He states that they are a token of his appreciation to the Arts Board, Muralist Joe Stephenson and to Working Classroom for all of their dedication to the new mural in the South Valley. The Arts Board accepts the posters and S. Diepen thanks Commissioner De La Cruz for the posters.

3. Betty Hahn Artwork

A customer at Sarah Hartford’s restaurant mentioned to S. Hartford that Betty Hahn is nearing the end of her career as a non-silver photographer and artist and is looking to sell her collection. N. Masland presents some photos she took of Betty Hahn’s artwork for the Arts Board to view. S. Turung expresses her interest in doing a studio tour and making a direction selection of her artwork. The Arts Board expresses interest in attending a studio tour together and suggests a meeting on Fridays after 4 pm or on a weekend. N. Masland will schedule with the artist and Arts Board.

4. Finalists for On the Map Mobile Unit

L. Schalk explains, the subcommittee for the On the Map Mobile Unit met with the seven semifinalists at a Mixer. The semifinalists each gave a two minute presentation on their previous work and ideas for the Mobile Unit, then the semifinalists and the Arts Board had a “Round Robin” where they got to learn about the artists ideas and the Arts Board members asked questions about: aesthetics, programming, practicality and promotion of public art. After the Mixer the subcommittee preliminarily selected three finalists who they thought would be best qualified to design, construct and program a mobile unit. The subcommittee recommends selecting: Raimund McClain, Andrea Polli and Michael Lopez.

Raimund McClain is a principal architect at his own firm and has built mobile units in the past. He also has project management experience and frequently runs construction projects. Andrea Polli is a UNM professor in the Art and Ecology and an internationally known artist who focuses on environmental issues and uses cutting edge technology in her work. Michael Lopez is an artist who has built mobile units and is dedicated to social engagement in his artwork. L. Schalk was impressed with all the semifinalists who applied and recommends to the Arts Board that the semifinalists be invited to program the unit once it is complete. L. Schalk suggests, pending funding approval that the semifinalists be paid a stipend to program the Mobile Unit – much like an artist in residency program.

Vice-Chair Turung entertained a motion to approve the finalists.

S. Diepen moves to approve the three proposed finalists: Raimund McClain, Andrea Polli and Michael Lopez for the On the Map Mobile Unit.

RESULT: Motion Carried [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: S. Diepen

SECONDER: B. Burk

The finalists will collaborate to make two maquettes for the December Arts Board meeting. The Arts Board will select the winning design which will be on display at the Albuquerque Museum from January to April at the “All Over the Map” exhibit on City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Public Art. The design will be presented to the County Commission for approval in January.

5. Mission/Vision Statement

The Arts Board continues to refine their statement. The most recent draft:

“Public Art has the power to inspire curiosity, encourage contemplation, facilitate dialogue, foster community engagement, and create a sense of place. Located in county buildings, parks, community centers, libraries and outside of facilities, the collection enhances the quality of life for county citizens, visitors and future generations through the acquisition of exceptional works of art by artist in each stage of their career.” The Board will review the statement and revisit it at the next Arts Board meeting in November.

V. Project Updates

1. **Vista Grande** – Call to be posted once Call for Artists for the Sandia Mountain Project closes 11/21/14
2. **Atrisco Bus Stops** – Arts Board reps S. Turung and L. Korte will be on the CABQ selection committee once the committee convenes.
3. **Fallen Sheriff’s Deputies Memorial** – Project on hold until BCC committee determines a location for the memorial.
4. **Hiland Theater NDI Public Art ABQ Ride** – Purchase order for Howard Mehan is complete.
5. **McGrane East Area Command Center** – Artist Cassandra Reid will wait until the location of the BCSO Memorial location is determined.

6. **Outposts Medians** – The subcommittee has an upcoming meeting with median “Guru” Barbara Taylor at CABQ Department of Municipal Development 11/3.
7. **Sandia Project** – Call closes 11/21/14

VI. Discussion

VII. Announcement and Events

1. “The New Mexico Connection” Panel Discussion – October 15th 5:30 -8:00

Announcement of Next Meeting: Wednesday November 12, 2 pm, City/County Government Center, One Civic Plaza 10th Floor, Conference Room B

Adjournment: Vice-Chair Turung entertained a motion to adjourn the Arts Board meeting.