

The monthly meeting of the Arts Commission was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in Community Room A located in City Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

Commissioner La Rose called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Mari Morales, At Large  
Commissioner Teka-Lark Fleming, District 1  
Commissioner Anne La Rose, District 2  
Sabrina Barnes, Parks, Recreation and Library Services Director  
Sandra Green-Hilliard, Senior Administrative Secretary

Absent

Commissioner David Aguilar, District 3  
Commissioner Vicki Perryman-Banks, District 4

Public Comments

A member of the audience corrected the spelling of Susan Peralta's last name on agenda to: Perella.

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2012. The minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Fleming, La Rose, Morales  
Nays: None

Old Business

Sabrina Barnes gave an update regarding the Public Art (PA) Coordinator recruitment stating the RFP's have been turned in and will proceed with six (6) interviews scheduled for July 25 with hopes of selecting a candidate and send the contract to Mayor and Council no later than August 28. Commissioner La Rose asked who is on the interview panel. Ms. Barnes stated it would be herself, a staff

person from the Planning Department and Mike Calzada, Director of Residential Sound Insulation Department. Commissioner La Rose asked if it would be prudent to have someone with an art background on the panel. Ms. Barnes stated she would check on that but believes the panel needs to consist of city staff. She went on to explain why she selected Mr. Calzada stating he is well traveled and versed in the arts and the person from Planning will be someone the PA Coordinator will have to interact with during both private and public art projects.

Sabrina Barnes went on to give an update regarding the maintenance of city murals stating the wooden borders that were recommended by the Commissioners for all tile murals in the city can be done in house by city staff at \$300 per mural which will reduce the cost by \$200 each. City staff recommends a dark wood or something that would complement the artwork. Staff also indicated that due to the Locust Street parking structure mural location and material they have to you to adhere to it, they do not recommend for it to be framed as it would not give a good presentation. Commissioner La Rose asked when does staff need an answer. Ms. Barnes stated whenever we give it to them. Commissioner La Rose stated the reason why she asked is because she would like to email all the Commissioners photos of the murals and also asked who would make the decision on which color compliments the mural. Ms. Barnes stated the board can advise her on how to handle it. Commissioner La Rose stated dark wood is fine and requested that the board be apprised of any color suggestions other than dark wood because she is not comfortable with city staff making the final decision. Ms. Barnes stated that their recommendation of dark wood is because that will give the mural a richer presentation but if the Commission would prefer a different color staff will accommodate accordingly. Commissioner La Rose stated her initial thought was commonality so she will send pictures of all the murals to the Commissioners via email to ensure everyone is on the same page. She asked is what the concept for weather proofing the frames. Ms. Barnes stated all the murals are indoor. Commissioner La Rose stated the Locust Street mural is covered but has an opening to it. Ms. Barnes stated staff does not recommend the Locust St. mural be framed. Commissioner Morales asked if there is a list of all the public art in Inglewood and Ms. Barnes stated she would email that to her.

Sabrina Barnes shared with the Commission the findings of bronze plaques from a local vendor by Commissioner La Rose which will cost an estimated \$300 for all of the murals in the city. They are to display the murals' name, authors' name, year and City of Inglewood.

Sabrina Barnes passed out budget information as requested by the Commissioners while explaining the breakdown of the repair/maintenance line. Commissioner La Rose asked if it included the costs of the anti graffiti coating on all the murals. Ms. Barnes explained that there was extra coating on hand and prior to the Commission's request the graffiti division had already taken it upon themselves to coat half of the murals. Per your request, they went out and coated the remainder of the murals. Commissioner La Rose asked Ms. Barnes to please pass along the Commissions' thanks and appreciation for their work. Ms. Barnes stated that there is a graffiti artist who has to complete Community Service at Darby Park and has offered to do a mural in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center on the wall between the restroom. His idea is to have a head with one of Martin Luther King Jr's quote coming out as a thought. Once a rendering is available it will be brought to the Commission. Commissioner Fleming asked for the artists' name. Ms. Barnes stated she would provide that information with the rendering. Commissioner La Rose shared that she would like to see the walls of the former home of the Transportation Mural broken up into segments for use by urban artists that can be changed monthly. Ms. Barnes asked the Commission for their patience regarding new projects until the PA Coordinator is on board to ensure that they are spending money in the most appropriate way as she doesn't want to be allocating funds for projects that look and sound artsy but turn out not to be public art.

#### New Business

Sabrina Barnes had a discussion and invited the Commissioners to attend a tour of the artwork on Metro subway lines. Commissioners Fleming and Morales agreed to attend.

#### Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Fleming shared a proposal to hold a reading series at the Morningside Library. Sabrina Barnes stated she'd like to further speak on this at a later time possibly in conjunction with the Library Commission.

Commission Morales asked when the citywide yard sale would be held and Sandra Green-Hilliard stated she would contact her with that information. Commissioner La Rose asked to be contacted as well.

#### Public Comments

None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.