

**Bedford Gallery Advisory Council
Learning Center, LCA
Tuesday, January 6 2009
5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Present

BGAC: Donna Arganbright, Kari Grape, Susan Helms, Rebecca Ines, Linda Kramer, Jim Pezzaglia

Arts Commission: Fritz Brunner, Carol Fowler, Jackie Smith

Staff: Robyn Burror, Mel Chang, Barry Gordon, Carrie Lederer

A. Call to Order

1. Introductions

Carrie Lederer introduced Walnut Creek's new Public Art Coordinator, Robyn Burror. Burror comes to Walnut Creek from the City of Stockton, where she has been the Public Art Manager since 2004 and has worked on about 46 projects during her time with the city.

B. Public Communications

C. Approval of Minutes of November Meeting: The minutes were approved by Jim Pezzaglia and Donna Arganbright seconded the motion.

D. Chair's Report: Ann Weber

1. Arts Commission report: Fritz Brunner

Fritz Brunner reported that there had not been a December Arts Commission meeting.

E. Public Art: Robyn Burror

1. Update, current projects

Robyn Burror announced that the Request for Qualifications for the Library Public Art projects has been published and distributed. The project is open to both commissioned work and the purchase of completed studio artwork. Artists will be put into a pool for the additional \$80,000 available in the Library's Public Art fund, and for potential future donors who are interested in giving art to the library. During the Arts Commission meeting on January 20th, Carrie Lederer will review the John Muir project and approval of Library RFQ selection panel.

2. Walnut Creek Public Art Ordinance Amendment

Barry Gordon reviewed the Public Art Ordinance revision going before City Council on January 6th that will expand the current Ordinance from commercial projects to also include residential and mixed used buildings in the downtown core, excluding 100% affordable housing projects. Gordon invited the BGAC to attend the meeting to advocate for the arts. Burror stressed that momentum of this revision needs to continue; Carol Fowler agreed, reminding the BGAC several development projects that are approaching.

F. Curator's Report: Carrie Lederer

1. *Illuminated Sculpture* exhibition and programs

The Opening Reception for *Illuminated Sculpture* will be held on Sunday, January 11th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The exhibition's soft opening is on January 7. Lederer distributed brochures and Diablo Arts magazine, and invited BGAC members to attend the reception.

2. Exhibitions update, *PostSecret* outreach

Lederer distributed a press release for the upcoming *PostSecret* exhibition that will be on view March 1st through April 19th. Frank Warren, creator of the *PostSecret* project, will be giving a keynote presentation on March 4th at the Leshner Center for the Arts. Lederer encouraged the BGAC to promote the event. Lederer also distributed sample images for upcoming exhibitions *Story Painters* and *Art of the Book*.

G. Adjournment