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SANTA FE ARTS COMMISSION
Monday, July 9, 2012
City Councilors' Conference Room
200 Lincoln Avenue
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5:00 p.m.

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- II. Roll Call
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 - a. June 11, 2012
- V. Fiscal Report
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SANTA FE ARTS COMMISSION - MINUTES

Monday, July 9, 2012
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5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Kirk Ellis, Chair for the Santa Fe Arts Commission. A quorum was declared by roll call.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Kirk Ellis, Chair
Anne Pedersen
Michael Namingha
Ramona Sakiestewa
Gail Springer
Todd Lovato
Joey Chavez

Not Present: (Excused)

Sande Deitch
Donna Scheer

Staff Present:

Sabrina Pratt
Julie Bystrom
Deborah Garcia y Griego
Rod Lambert

Others Present:

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Sakiestewa moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Springer, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. June 11, 2012

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Ms. Pedersen moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Chavez, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

V. **Fiscal Report**

Ms. Pratt reported that the Lodgers tax reflects one full year on the financial report. She stated that they are fortunate that the city has collected from some of the properties that were faced with a possible lien which brought the budget to 1.1% + from previous year budget. Revenue budget shows what was collected last year. Staff is in the midst of doing purchase orders to issue the grant awards and preparing for the new projects for the new FY.

VI. **Report of Chair – Kirk Ellis**

Mr. Ellis provided an update after discussing strategy with Sabrina and Debra and it was recommended that the Chair meet with the Mayor to talk about what is being done in the work of the Arts Commission. (Letter was sent to the Mayor requesting support for appointment of Debra as the Arts Commission Director). As Chair and on behalf of the Arts Commission, this recommendation was a positive move and received well. The letter was also sent to the City Manager for consideration. (Exhibit A: Letter sent to the Mayor on Debra/Sabrina's transition

Ms. Pedersen asked what the timeline is for fulfilling this position. Ms. Pratt said that it depends on the posting mechanism of the position whether it is internal or externally advertised.

VII. **Report of Director – Sabrina Pratt**

Artist Table planning continues. Manitou Gallery is sending out notifications for the Artist Table in their newsletter. Sabrina asked for assistance in getting the word out to others who may be interested in purchasing tickets for this wonderful event. Ms. Pratt said they are also working on sponsorships and providing information and acknowledgement in the marketing collateral. It was asked how many \$10,000 sponsorships are we looking for and how many tickets will they receive for the event. Mr. Ellis will be an honorary co-chair for this event. Ticket sales are steady.

An invitation was extended to the Commissioners for a Friday at 2:00 pm signing of the Sister City agreement with the Icheon Mayor and his guests. It will be held outdoors at the Convention Center. Some of the delegation will come to the City Council meeting and Ms. Pratt will make a presentation. This will take place on Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Ellis shared an informal conversation held with Mr. Jim Bradbury who expressed his concerns on the topic of war of noise between Bandstand on the Plaza and the Chamber Music Festival Concerts at the St. Francis Auditorium. The Chair did inform him that he could listen to the complaint but had no policy authority. The concern from Mr. Bradbury is that no one has done anything related to his concern. The argument is that music on the plaza is too loud and that it interferes with the Chamber Music Festival concerts at the St. Francis auditorium.

Suggestions:

Move the Bandstand on the Plaza to the Railyard.

Caution needs to be used if moving this activity to the Railyard.

Decisions need to be made on cause not on feelings.

Scheduling needs to be reviewed.

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Ms. Pratt said that there is research being done on how to masque the sounds from the speakers. The scheduling has been altered in the past. Improvements have been made to the Auditorium doors to help with the sound absorption. Commissioner Sakiestewa said that it might be necessary to hire a professional acoustician.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Art in Public Places – Deborah Garcia y Griego

Report on Retreat

Mr. Namingha reported that Anne Pedersen attended the meeting and together they reviewed the goals. Ms. Garcia y Griego talked about the 5 goals and the outreach to the public along with review of projects that have come forward. The most attractive is interest in a public art corridor which resulted from recent talks about gateway art. The retreat was productive and efficient. Ms. Pratt was the facilitator for this meeting.

Community Gallery Advisory Committee

Rod stated that he had great sales this month in the gallery. The Chair said that the interviews have been great.

Nominating Committee

The Chair asked Bob to focus in the hospitality industry and to talk with Concierges. The Chair would like to have presence in the committee to enhance the interest and knowledge of the Arts Commission within the hospitality industry. Gail and the Chair will provide a list of candidates at the August meeting. The Mayor was offered the opportunity to submit any candidates for the Arts Commission.

2013-14 NEA Application

Rod Lambert reported that they received full funding for applications sent to NEA last year. The feedback was that what had been submitted in the past was very accurate. Rod feels we need to represent New Mexico in its mystique but yet be educational and informative.

The two outside curators was a key success in this submission. Photography exhibit sounds very good. It was noted that we need to assure that the photography demonstrates and recognizes the New Mexico Artist. Tony Chavarria from the Museum has the Comic Art Exhibit and wants to do a graphically Native exhibit that will be contemporary to traditional. This exhibit did receive National recognition and was outside of any Native exhibit that he has seen. Rod will provide more information on the two proposed presentations.

IX. Other Business

X. Event Evaluations

Anne Pedersen: Attended Current. The opening had the projections outside and the versatility of the program was great. The feel was not artificial or old; it was a great feeling and good use of space. Attended Art Works Party and Opera Policy Makers and Tosca.

Gail Springer: Opera Policy Makers and Tosca

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Ramona Sakiestewa: Attended Current and liked the collaboration. The technology is sometimes more visible than the content but the crossover of both was very good.

Michael Namingha: Went to Current on closing day, Santa Fe Symphony Painted Violins, Art Works Reception, Jim Logues' Goodbye, Santa Fe Indian School – poetry, Buckaroo Ball, Santa Fe Mountain Centers Anti-bullying, opera apprentice 1 hour long (free) opening night at the Opera, Pro Fishers the next night, music was incredible. Host for the SITE Santa Fe _____.

Joey Chavez – Attended Current. Juan Sidi

Todd Lovato – Site Santa Fe, Current, Santa Fe Bandstand and it continues to grow. He commented on the suggested Railyard location for the Santa Fe Bandstand as a silver lining.

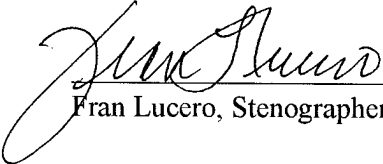
Kurt Ellis: Attended a wedding where Todd was the DJ. Attended Current – a largely young audience. There were a number of venues participating. Opening night of the Opera not as well attended as in the past.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Arts Commission, the Chair called for adjournment at 5:45 pm.

Signature:

Kurt Ellis, Chair



Fran Lucero, Stenographer

July 9, 2012

Mayor David Coss
City of Santa Fe
200 Lincoln Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Mayor Coss:

As chairman of the Santa Fe Arts Commission, and with the full support of the undersigned commissioners, I am writing to recommend the appointment of Debra Garcia y Griego as director of the Arts Commission.

With a master's degree in arts administration and more than a decade of experience in city government, Debra has already proven herself to be an invaluable asset to the day-to-day business of the Arts Commission. A Santa Fe native, she possesses a familiarity with each and every non-profit within the commission's purview, and is widely respected by grantees for her courtesy and professionalism.

Debra's appointment as Arts Commission director would assure a smooth and effective transition in the wake of Sabrina Pratt's retirement. We on the commission have enjoyed a fruitful collaboration with her, and we have no doubt such an appointment would be welcomed by the Santa Fe arts community at large.

Sincerely,

Kirk Ellis, Chairman
Joey Chavez
Sandra K. Deitch
Todd Eric Lovato
Michael Namingha
Anne Pedersen
Ramona Sakiestewa
Donna Scheer
Gail Springer

cc: Robert Romero, City Manager

Exhibit A