

San Pedro Arts Culture Entertainment District
Regular Committee & Public Meeting
Notes April 9, 2012

Committee members present: *Linda Alexander, James Preston Allen, Annette Ciketic, Liz Schindler-Johnson, Melanie Jones, Lauren Kilgore, Andrew Silber, Deborah Lewis, Allyson Vought.* Absent: *Beate Kirmse, Stephen Robbins, Ray Carofano*

Staff Present: Betsy Cheek, Chamber of Commerce, Judith Blahnik, Chamber of Commerce,
Others Present: 8 members of the community.

The meeting was called to order with opening remarks by Chairman, Deborah Lewis at 4:10 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Included announcements by: Michael Gatanz re: upcoming Dance Champs at the Warner Grand; James Preston Allen re: upcoming May First Thursday featuring the lighting of downtown by PBID, the opening the Marymount art center and a big show at the Loft Studios; Catherine re: available tour of the Lane Victory and upcoming brunch aboard the Lane Victory; Deborah Lewis re: Open Studios at Angels Gate Cultural Center on May 20th.

MEETING NOTES FOR MARCH 12, 2012: Melanie Jones motioned the Meeting Notes be approved.
ACTION: Lauren Kilgore 2nd. MOTION PASSED: Yes 7: Abstention 1

CRAFTED: Alison Zeno updated the committee on the permanent craft marketplace coming in to the circa 1944 warehouses 9 and 10. Warehouse 10 will open in July after new roof, new siding etc. When fully operating, 500 vendors will fill both warehouses. Initially operating Fri. Sat. Sun, 11-7, 10-7 and 10-7:pm. Crafted has received overwhelming responses after reaching out to more than 4,000 artisans and crafters. Zeno said Crafted is open to and counting on partnering with ACE on events they plan in the ACE District.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2014: Judith Blahnik reported no change in income or outgo since last ACE District financial report. Blahnik did present for discussion a proposed budget for 2012/2013 and, 2013/2014. With the final payment for MOU 503569 (anticipated \$60,599) the total remaining from CRA funds for budgeting would be approximately \$197,000.

AGREED: To table approval of a budget until next meeting.

MARKETING COLLABORATION: Deborah Lewis reported on a recent meeting with PBID and the Chamber to discuss possible specifics of collaborative marketing plans. She and Liz will meet with Stephen to discuss this in more detail.

RFQ/RFP Timeline: Judith Blahnik proposed a timeline for both processes that begin with release of RFQ on April 10, 2012 and end on July 9, 2012 with the announcement of accepted proposals. Andrew Silber asked that the board agree to the timeline; James Preston Allen 2nd the request. The board **AGREED** unanimously.

ELECTIONS: Melanie Jones presented the timeline process and application forms for approving new members and electing new board members. Interested candidates will send forms to Judith Blahnik.
ACTION: James Preston Allen motioned to approve the election process; Andrew Silber 2nd.
MOTION PASSED: Unanimously
ACTION: Liz Schindler Johnson motioned that for this year's elections, the board be allowed to recruit a restaurateur who might not have prior ACE District committee service. Andrew Silber 2nd. MOTION PASSED: Unanimously.

1ST THURSDAY ARTWALK REPORT: Annette Ciketic requested that on the May Agenda, 1st Thursday be closer to the top of the agenda. Also:

- She said that upcoming July 1st Thursday will include an ILWU art festival.
- Ciketic also reported that many are asking her (therefore this committee) for an accounting of how much art the district has offered as compared to last year at this time.
- Ciketic also said that we need to add more art to all the walls downtown. We might even need a public curator.

Food Trucks: Allyson Vought reported that there were 6 ACE-arranged mobile food vendors and another 7 arranged by District stakeholders. In terms of attendance it was a great night with an obvious increase over the previous month.

James Preston Allen suggested that a sub-committee work on a compromise that will satisfy and provide successful outcomes for those who disagree about the benefit of the food trucks on First Thursday.

1stThursday Video Project: Mark J. Doddy from Rancho Palos Verdes TV showed a piece he has aired on local TV.

New Business: None

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting: May 14, 2012 at 4 PM