

San Pedro ACE District
Regular Committee & Public Meeting

NOTES (DRAFT-jb)

November 14, 2011

San Pedro Chamber of Commerce Board Room Gallery

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

Staff Present: Betsy Cheek, Chamber of Commerce, Judith Blahnik, Chamber of Commerce, Will Cipes, CRA.

Others Present: 7 members of the community.

The meeting was called to order with opening remarks by Chairman, Deborah Lewis at 4:12 PM.

Public Comment Included: Announcements by John Stinson for San Pedro Arts Association, and Melanie Jones regarding an extension of her play. Ron Linden requested that the Board consider returning to a 1st Thursday design for ArtScene Magazine that specifies particular galleries, artists and shows rather than the current general and unspecific design; this would attract more artists and an overall art crowd downtown. James Preston Allen distributed a Motion that was passed by Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council to urge CRA/LA to extend the boundaries of the ACE District to include Warehouses 9 & 10.

ACTION

Meeting Notes from November 14, 2011: Andrew Silber made the motion to approve the notes of the previous meeting and Liz Schindler Johnson seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

Financial Report: Judith Blahnik presented a financial report detailing the 1st of 3 checks to 8 art vendors for 11 projects and to the Chamber for administration services were ready for delivery November 8th in the AM. She thanked Will Cipes for his extra efforts; by waiting for the check and hand delivering it, he ensured early November payment for the Art vendors.

Liz Schindler Johnson requested that all vendors attend an upcoming board meeting to report on their projects.

ACTION

RFQ/RFP 2012: Judith Blahnik presented a detailed timeline for 2012-2013 Request for Qualification and Request for Proposal processes which begins January 3rd and ends May 14th. 2012. Linda Alexander made the motion to approve the timeline. Melanie Jones second. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

CRA/LA Update: Will Cipes reminded the Board that the CRA remains in legal battles regarding its future. In January the State Supreme Court will hear arguments for and against the re-instatement of the CRA. The best outcome: the court upholds its decision from June.

Chamber Update. CEO Betsy Cheek reminded the board that three Chamber sponsored community events were coming up: The Teen Conference, Weymouth Corners Christmas and the Holiday Parade.

Meta Pacific Ave Arts Housing. Chris Maffris of Meta Housing and Tim Carpenter of EngAGE reported that construction at 3rd and Pacific is hopefully set for October 2012. In terms of design, they said that they took the board's feedback from a previous presentation and raised ceiling heights for many of the units to 12-feet, redesigned an L-shaped kitchen for better use of loft space and increased storage. Deborah Lewis, Allyson Vought and Melanie Jones volunteered to serve as advisors to Meta Housing and the Pacific Ave Arts Housing project.

ACTION

ACE Plan Deborah Lewis presented for approval the result of the Executive Committee and the Planning Committee's look at the large scope of the ACE Plan: Finding the mission and goals still viable, the group scaled the 40-page document into a 3-page outline of specific strategies and achievable goals that could focus energy and funding for the ACE Board in 2012-2013. Discussion included questions about how the board views itself. James Allen motioned that approval of the 2012-2013 Plan be tabled until the December Agenda; this will give more time for input and feedback. Allyson Vought seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Amended Policies and Procedures: Melanie Jones presented the Policies and Procedures with the suggested corrections and additions. She asked all members to read them for clarity and suggested that approval of the Amendments be an agenda item for December's meeting. They will be added to the December agenda as an ACTION ITEM.

ACTION

Food Trucks for Holiday Parade: Allyson Vought proposed that the ACE District invite and organize 20 food trucks for the Holiday Parade December 4th. Collecting a fee of \$100 for each truck would add money to the coffers. Allyson Vought made the motion that ACE provide food trucks for the parade. Linda Alexander seconded. **The motion passed unanimously**

First Thursday October: Annette Ciketic reported continuous feet on the street; the corner band was popular; Beacon House and PBID reported no problems. Lauren Kilgore said this is the first time she received complaints about no parking. Discussion: is there a way to quantify who and how many people are visiting galleries? Can we get reports from these people – real quantities not estimates? Need a way to determine if the night is remaining an art night. Numbers of people looking at art will help. James Allen volunteered to accrue data and report in January.

New Business: None

The Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting: December 12, 2011