

San Pedro ACE District
Regular Committee & Public Meeting
December 12, 2011

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

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

Others Present: 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 Linda Alexander regarding San Pedro Central Neighborhood Council newsletter, Linda Grimes regarding the GSPO holiday schedule, James Preston Allen regarding the Peace Angel Project on the agenda for the Chamber Economic Development committee meeting, Joy Gonzales regarding the upcoming show at National Watercolor Society, and Michael Gatanz regarding a free dance at Peoples Yoga and Health. Stephanie Mardesich raised objections to the presence of First Thursday food trucks.

ACTION

Meeting Notes from November 14, 2011: Lauren Kilgore made the motion to approve the notes of the previous meeting and Melanie Jones seconded. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

ACE District Contracted Artist Vendors' Reports: Eight contracted artists for 2011-12 presented mid-year project reports. They were: Ray Carofano/Gallery 478, Ron Linden/TransVagrant@Warschaw Gallery, Suzanne Dean/Little Fish Theatre, Linda Grimes/Golden State Pops Orchestra, Annette Ciketic/fINDings Art Center, Liz Schindler Johnson/Live at the Grand Annex and Grand Vision Foundation, Joy Gonzales/National Watercolor Society and Beate Kirmse/Gallery Neuartig. Narratives of the projects progress including financial details were due 12/12. They will be processed and sent to the CRA for concurrence.

Financial Report: Judith Blahnik reported that there has not been a change in the financial status since the last report..

CRA/LA Update: Will Cipes reminded the Board that the CRA remains in legal battles regarding its future. It is probable that the State Supreme Court will have a ruling about the continued viability of the CRA by December 30th. Also: the New Community Plan which has been in the works for a few years, is going forward. Will Cipes suggested that CRA's Megan Hunter speak to the plan and collect input from the ACE board at January's meeting.

Chamber Update. CEO Betsy Cheek reported a flawless Christmas Parade. The great turnout help make it a dynamic community event.

ACTION

San Pedro ACE District Action Plan Deborah Lewis thanked the board members for taking 30 days to study the 3-page action plan and give their input. Discussion followed. Liz Schindler Johnson made a motion to approve the Action Plan; Beate Kirmse seconded. **The motion passed YES 8, NO 1.**

ACTION

Finalize Policies and Procedures: Melanie Jones presented the amended Policies and Procedures containing the suggested corrections and additions. The board discussed Article VI Section 1 regarding the choice between written ballots OR a show of hands for electing officers. The Chair asked for a show of hands to decide. **Written ballots won unanimously:** Regarding breaking a tie, it was decided by a **show of hands: YES 8, NO** to keep the language as written.
Linda Alexander made the motion to approve the Policies and Procedures as amended at the meeting; Alyson Vought seconded.
The motion passed. YES: 8, NO 1.

ACTION

Food Trucks for Holiday Parade: Allyson Vought reported that the parade couldn't deliver people to the food trucks that ACE had approved, that the trucks were so poorly attended she would like to return the upfront money that trucks had paid.
Linda Alexander motioned that money be refunded as requested; Annette Ciketic seconded.
Motion passed YES: 8, NO: 1

First Thursday October: Discussion: still looking for a way to quantify those who are there for the art experience. Are the food trucks bringing people who are drawn to the art? Michael Gatanz volunteered to poll the local restaurants regarding any measured impact from the trucks. It was **AGREED** that real work on these issues should happen in sub-committee.

New Business: None

The Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM. Next meeting: January 9, 2012 at 4 PM