

Arts Committee 2015 Work Plan

Initiatives and Accomplishments of 2014

Community Center Foyer Art gallery: We had four successful shows during the year. Tania Salvator's paintings: Postcards From Brazil, Robert Spertus's photography: Beyond My Garden, Herk Schusteff's paintings: The Mystery Vision, and Leah Virsik's prints: Remnants of Paris

Arts and Green Festival: The Arts Committee attended the festival with a booth, promoting the committee.

Albany FilmFest: We had an exciting festival that created a lot of buzz with the new location of the Albany Twin. We had over 700 people attend this year, and we're hoping for even more next year.

Belmont Village: The Arts Committee approved a sculpture by Bruce Beasley that will be featured at the soon to be constructed Belmont Village on Monroe and San Pablo. This piece will be the first thing you see as you cross into Albany from Berkeley on San Pablo.

Dinner with Albany: Members of the Arts Committee judged the creative table decorations at the dinner.

Ohlone Greenway Art Placement: The Arts Committee picked out three areas of the Ohlone Greenway that will be suitable spots for future art. Possibly for the sculpture loan program.

Policy Review and Initiatives for 2015

- Public Art for ongoing projects such as along the Buchanan Pedestrian & Bicycle Path, Pierce Street, and new development projects
- Poet Laureate - fill vacancy
- Curtis and Marin street painting in crosswalk
- Sculpture Loan Program (Chelle Putzer presented this)
- Maintenance of Public Art
- Mural Program (Daly) - encourage business owners to display murals/public art
- Public Art Registry
- Recruitment of new committee members
- Promotion of Albany Committee as well as promotion of Poet Laureate via Facebook
- Foyer Art Gallery: Barbara Roger's prints: Modest Impressions, Judith Proller's photos: Reflections, Karen Klier's paintings (no show title yet), and Susan Adame's paintings (also no show title as of yet)
- Arts and Green Festival: participation in current year and planning for 2016
- Albany FilmFest 2016 planning: participation in current year and planning for 2016

Policy Development

Art in Public Places Ordinance: review and develop additional guidelines and procedures for initiating and reviewing public art (PAPP: Public Art Projects Plan)

Street Painting - to be developed in consultation with Transportation Department

Relation to City Council Strategic Plan

1. Maximize Park & Open Space
2. Engage Our Diverse Community
3. Promote Vital & Inviting Business Areas