



CITY OF ALBANY
Albany Arts Committee

2017 - 2019 Work Plan
Approved by the Albany Arts Committee: March 13, 2017
Approved by the City Council: April 17, 2017

Background

The following work plan identifies recent accomplishments and priority work items for the upcoming work plan period. The work plan includes items identified as priority projects within the City Council's Strategic Plan. The Albany Arts Committee shall review the work plan each year in January to identify accomplishments and ensure continued focus on completing work plan items. Work plans are presented to the Council every two years, and if a change is needed to the work plan outside of that schedule, the Albany Arts Committee shall submit a "Request for Amendment to Advisory Body Work Plan" Form for review by the City Council.

Albany Arts Committee Purpose

Advises the City Council on cultural and artistic activities within the City and sponsors arts programs and activities, as well as fundraising events to support these programs.

Recent Initiatives and Accomplishments

- **Community Center Foyer Art Gallery:** The Committee had eight successful shows in 2015-2016.
 - 2015 Barbra Rogers: New and Repurposed: The Abstract Image in Print; Judith Proller: Reflections; Karen Klier: East Bay Diaries; Susan Adame: Reflection.
 - 2016 Susan Joyal: Imagine Horizons; Elizabeth Lyon: Ink, Paper, Wood; Teddy Milder: Inconstraint/Unconstrained; Fumiyo Yoshikawa, The Art of Sumi-e
- **New Poet Laureate:** The Committee selected Rebecca Black as the City's third Albany Poet Laureate and the first Poet Laureate since 2013.
- **Public Art Projects Program, PAPP:** The Committee created a Public Arts Project Plan that maps out 2 years of potential projects, funding and priority locations.
- **Arts and Green Festival:** Members Daly and Linden served on the Arts and Green Festival Sub-committee, critical in the planning and facilitation of the event.
- **Albany FilmFest 2015 & 2016:** Members Goodman and Ellis-Dickson served on the Film Festival Sub-Committee. The event has grown and was held at the Albany Twin theater.
- **Mural Promotion; Ohlone Greenway:** The Committee made contact with and helped promote a local artist responsible for the new murals along the Ohlone Greenway.
- **Ohlone Greenway Public Art:** The Committee created a call for artists, appointed community members to a selection panel, and selected two designers for two public art projects along the Ohlone Greenway: Albany Loop by Ground Works and Creek Art by Studio 3.
- **Full Committee:** The Arts Committee has had a full roster (7 seats) since June 2016.

- **UC Village Development Public Art:** The Committee recommended changes and approved a public art piece at Sprouts Farmers Market in the UC Village Development: Anemone by Future Cities Lab.

2017-2019 Policy Review and Initiatives

- **Public Art Projects Plan 2016-2018** (Council approved 4/4/2016)
 - Ohlone Greenway Public Art Projects (Creek Art & San Gabriel/Portland)
 - Sculpture Loan
 - Community Projects
 - Fall into Haiku
- **Seek Collaboration with Economic Development Committee on the following projects**
 - Murals on Solano & San Pablo (primarily) and elsewhere as opportunities arise
 - Live music on Solano
 - Identify dedicated space for performing arts/events in the commercial district
 - Research feasibility of art displayed on electrical boxes and other public facilities in Albany
 - Seek other collaborations as they arise
- **Albany Community Center Foyer Art Gallery Exhibits**
 - Deborah Schilling: January – March 2017
 - Deborah Harris: March – June 2017
 - Zorah Kalinkowitz: June – August 2017
 - Dorothy Brown: August – October 2017
 - Eve Steccati: October 2017– January 2018
- **Albany Poet Laureate**
 - Assist the poet laureate in fulfilling her duties
- **Art on Albany Bulb**
 - Consult with stakeholders, planners, and the public on how art and art activities can be integrated into the Bulb
- **Public Art Registry**
 - Redesign and refocus the content and purpose of the online registry to provide more information and better access to artists living and working in Albany
- **Albany FilmFest**
 - Help organize the festival, screen films, provide design and production services, community outreach
- **Albany Arts and Green Festival**
 - Oversee the arts component by attracting artists and craftspeople and setting up exhibit space
- **City-wide Arts Promotion**
 - Increase visibility and awareness of the arts in Albany.
- **Update Local Artist Listing**
 - Include performing arts

The items included in the 2017 – 2019 Policy Review and Initiatives support Council Strategic Goals of: Promote Business Vitality and Advance Economic Development and the Arts (4.2.A & 4.2.B).