ALBANY ARTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1249 Marin Avenue, Albany Community Center, Edith Stone Room
Monday, February 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 PM. Committee Members present: Chair Goodman, Members Adamé, Black, Maris, McQuaid, Norman and St. George.

Staff present: Isabelle Leduc, Vanessa Ferrer and Amber Curl.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** January 12, 2009
Motion: Motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2009 as corrected made by Adamé and seconded by Maris. Motion carried all in favor.

3. **Public Comments:** None

4. **Comments/Announcements from Committee Members:** Member McQuaid shared photographs of the Historical Society Centennial Quilt that will be displayed at the Albany Community Center. McQuaid also commented about the fact that the Arts Committee meetings for the months of February and March have been scheduled on a different Monday than the second Monday.

5. **Comments/Announcements from staff:** None

6. **Discussion and possible action items:**

6-1 **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair - The Committee will consider whether to hold the election or postponing the process to the following month.** The Committee decided to hold the elections.
Motion:
Motion to nominate Peter Goodman as Chair of the Arts Committee by Committee Member Adamé, seconded by Committee Member Black. Motion carried all in favor.
Motion:
Motion to nominate Susan Adamé as the Arts Committee Vice-Chair by Committee Member McQuaid, Seconded by Committee Member Maris. Motion carried all in favor.

6-2 **Banners, Murals and Trash Cans on Solano - Allen Cain, Executive Director of the Solano Avenue Association will be addressing the committee on possible ways to beautify Solano through banners, murals and adornment on trashcans. The committee will also discuss the possibilities for mural placements throughout the city and procedures related to site, artist, and artwork selection as well as community input.** Allen Cain, Executive Director of the Solano Avenue Association requested assistance for three different projects: the creation of seasonal banners such as Winter/Fall and Spring banners, public art on public property such as trash cans, and murals to prevent graffiti. Staff liaison Leduc proposed to do research on the city's process for implementing banners and report at the next meeting the role of the Arts Committee. Leduc will also do research on other city mural programs. Cain will compile a list of possible mural locations and will share the information with the Committee at a future meeting. Committee Member McQuaid presented pictures of city murals in Canada.

6-3 **Current City Planning Projects - Jeff Bond, Planning Manager, and Amber Curl, Assistant Planner, will provide an update on the Civic Center remodel and will discuss the Public Art Master Plan.** Amber Curl, Assistant Planner, asked the Committee for input on the Civic Center plans for possible public art sites. Curl also presented information on other City Public Art Master Plans from Berkeley, Oakland and Walnut Creek.
Motion:

Motion to form a Public Art Master Plan subcommittee to outline the components of the Public Art Master Plan made by Member McQuaid and seconded by Member Maris**.** Motion carried all in favor.

6-4 **Codornices Creek Project – The Committee will review plans of the interpretive signs for the project.** The Committee reviewed plans of the interpretive signs for the project. Committee comments will be forwarded to Judy Lieberman and the Restoration Design Group.

6-5 **Arts Committee Mission Statement, Bylaws, Scope of Activities, and Procedures – The sub-committee will present a Mission Statement and Duties and Functions to the full Committee for review.** The subcommittee presented a Mission Statement and Duties and Functions to the full Committee for review. Staff will revise the document to include the suggestions provided by Committee Members.

6-6 **Arts Committee Member Duty Descriptions – Staff will present an overview of Committee Member duties to be assigned.** Staff presented a list of Arts Committee activities to be assigned. The list will be revised on an ongoing basis and assignments will be given as new members are appointed to the Committee.

6-7 **Board of Education Appointee – The Committee will discuss the possibility of having a student as one of the Board of Education Appointee to the Arts Committee**. The Committee discussed the possibility of having a student as one of the Board of Education Appointee to the Arts Committee. The Committee unanimously agreed that having a student on the Committee would be beneficial.

6-8 **Spring Art and Music Festival – Staff will present an update on the planning process of the 2009 event.** Staff liaison Ferrer mentioned that she has received 11 applications so far and described how the event has been advertised.

6-9 **Art Gallery – Committee Member Black will discuss the Art Gallery and the Committee will develop a schedule for soliciting new proposals for gallery shows.** Committee Member Black discussed key points concerning the Art Gallery and the importance of good communication with the Library and Community Center staff. Black also discussed changes in the schedule. Jacqueline Krayna's exhibit will be in April with no reception scheduled thus far.

6-10 **Art in the Park Projects – Last steps for the completion of the Memorial Park Public Art Project will be presented.** Member Adamé reported that Gina Telcocci lowered some of the stones to make the Memorial Park art piece accessible to wheelchair users. The grass growth was also mentioned as a concern as well as the graffiti sealer that seemed to be peeling off.

7. **Future Agenda Items:** City banner policy, mural programs and formation of a subcommittee, Public Art Master Plan, Mission Statement, Duties and Functions, Art Gallery, Member duties, Spring Art and Music Festival.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** 9:40pm.