

CAMBRIDGE ARTS COUNCIL
MEETING: November 10, 2009, 6PM

Begin: 6:10PM
End: 7:30PM

MINUTES: The minutes were approved with the amendment that Jose Mateo was no longer on the board. The motion was made by Matthew Weinberg and it was seconded by Charles Norris. All members voted their approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jason welcomed two journalism students from Boston University as observers of the advisory board meeting. He passed out the MA State Ethics Summary for all board members to sign. He also reported on the grant application totals, 106 in total (31 in theater and dance, 31 in music and literature, 42 in visual arts, film, and video, and 6 for the PASS program). The numbers are up from last year due to an increase in visual arts, film and video applicants.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM: Charles introduced Lillian Hsu, the Director of Public Art and Exhibitions by saying that she had for many years helmed the program, which is one of the oldest and strongest in the country. Lillian described the program as a collection for the entire city, representing its various neighborhoods and cultures. Using the web site and a digital presentation created in large part by Jeremy Gaucher, Public Art Administrator, she reviewed the many projects that dot the map of Cambridge, pointing out their thoughtful response to community and public space.

Among the major public arts projects is Art in the Schools, especially with the high school renovation, which, as Jason pointed out, allowed the Cambridge Arts Council to act in a role as a consultant and advocate on behalf of the artists and artworks.

Another major project is connecting artists with corporations and public spaces as diverse as the Alexandria Corporation, the Police & Public Safety Facility, Logan Airport, and the Mount Auburn Hospital. This involves the use of high-profile and sometimes dormant spaces.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was no additional business discussed.

Members Present:

Andrew Mroczek, Rosanna Alfaro, Charles Norris, Matthew Weinberg, Phyllis Bretholtz, Lori Damon, Barbara Baker

Staff: Jason Weeks, Ex. Director, Lillian Hsu, Dir. of Public Art & Exhibitions

Members Absent:

Jeff Walker, Jim Lawson, Aliyah Gary, Lori Lander