**Berkeley Cultural Trust Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 10, 9-10AM**

**Cypress Room, 1st Fl. City Hall, 2180 Milvia St., Berkeley**

**In Attendance:**

Lisa Bullwinkel – Another Bullwinkel Show

Kathryn Roszak – Danse Lumiere

Rebecca Schultz – Aurora

Elise Auger – Civic Arts Program

Mary Ann Merker – Civic Arts Program

Patrick Dooley – Shotgun Players

Sharon Dolan – Freight and Salvage

Susan Medak – Berkeley Rep

Laura Moriarty – Small Press Distribution

Susan Felix – Art Ambassador

Aimee LeDuc – BAC

Weston Teruya – Civic Arts Commission

Marian Kohlsfedt – West Edge Opera

Vanessa Ramos – Central Works

Marion Atherton – Crowden

Joyce Jenkins – Poetry Flash

Archana Horsting – Kala

Katherina McGinity – Luna Dance

Aaron Lorenz – La Pena

Brandi Brandes – Ashkenaz

**Begin 9:09AM**

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Aimee LeDuc**
   1. Patrick Dooley is new Vice Chair of BCT
2. **Update on the results of the year-end letter**
   1. RFP for Cultural Plan soon to go out
      1. Please refer qualified possible applicants to Mary Ann Merker, Civic Arts Coordinator
      2. June 2016-Panel will have selected an applicant and work will begin
      3. June 2017-New Cultural Plan to go to Council
3. **Berkeley Arts Connect update for 2016 (Internship program managed by BCT)**
   1. Intern applications typically submitted this time of year
   2. Aimee to follow up with Julie and staff about an assessment of program
   3. More to come, forward questions to Aimee
4. **Berkeley Civic Arts Commission Grant Guidelines**
   1. Item has been moved to March 15 Action Calendar
      1. City Attorney pulled item to in order to add a clarifying memo from City Manager
   2. Discussion of changes to Grants Program – led by Weston Teruya, Civic Arts Commission
      1. Funding priorities are more targeted – 3 themes
      2. CAC Initially proposed a switch to project support from Gen Operating based on the Grant Assessment process with Consultant, but decided not to move forward with that.
      3. Funding is still considered unrestricted as to how organizations spend it
      4. Switch to annual awards from biennial
      5. Switch to larger awards, fewer grantees
      6. Forward questions or concerns to Weston or Commission
   3. February 17, 9AM meeting scheduled at Civic Center to discuss grant program further, location to follow
5. **Preparing for the Berkeley Mayoral Elections**
   1. Elections Subcommittee formed, led by Patrick Dooley
      1. Members who expressed interest in being on subcommittee:
         1. Brandi Brandes, Archana Horsting, Suzie Medak, Sharon Dolan, Susan Felix