



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. April 22, 2024

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor
Annalisa Quismorio
Margaret Miller
Daniel Weiss

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Vice Chair Kathy Cook, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Annalisa Quismorio, Margaret Miller.

Absent: Commissioner Daniel Weiss

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Arriola reported that she attended the production of Porgy and Bess at the Empress Theatre.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Staff reported that she also attended the Vallejo Symphony's production of Porgy and Bess at the Empress Theatre. Handed out Commission name badges that the City Council and management approved for all city commissions.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. None.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to approve the April 22, 2024, agenda. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Weiss absent.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vidor moved, and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the March 25, 2024, regular meeting. Approved 5-0-1, Vice Chair Cook abstained, absent from meeting; Commissioner Weiss absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Vallejo Teaching Artist – Youth Voices: A Public Art & Civic Engagement Project

The presentation of the findings and recommendations of the VTA Public Works and Civic Engagement Program were presented by students Arely Vazquez Martinez and Jasmin Albarado, and instructors Amy Owen and Leah Tumerman. The instructors informed the Commissioners that the five-part fieldwork program for youth centered in the exploration of public art and brought together middle school participants from all four of Vallejo schools. The program was designed to break down the walls of privilege and empower the next generation of leaders to reimagine the landscape of public art for the City of Vallejo. The students described their experiences which included three one-hour classes, a walking tour of Vallejo's public art collection, and field trips to San Francisco and Oakland, and provided their assessment of Vallejo's civic art collection and made recommendations. The students responded to questions of the Commissioners. Suggestions regarding a youth subgroup of the Culture & Art Commission or a youth commission was discussed. Staff recommended this idea be brought to the attention of the 2x2 City/VCUSD Committee or the city's Youth Coordinator.

B. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Vidor reported that NEA is reviewing the grant submissions and will notify everyone in November who is chosen. If selected, the Commission will start enacting the grant in January. Mentioned was that for the next NEA granting round, Commission could incorporate the ideas presented by the students and partner with VTA.

Commissioners received the update.

C. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that he has received a few is encouraging other Commissioners to provide submittals. Suggest that the VTA presentation be submitted and ask VTA to submit names of youth artists to be highlighted in the Vallejo Weekly.

D. Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork

Chair Hernandez stated that the following four items on the agenda were on the Future Agenda list. Discussion by Commissioners. A draft inventory list exists, need an inventory and storage policy.

By consensus, Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork be placed back on the Future Agenda Items list until the Art and Loan Policy is approved by the City Council.

E. Artists Registry

Chair Hernandez introduced this item. Discussion followed as to what this entails and perhaps working with Gretchen Zimmerman in the future, who offered to help re-establish the registry.

By consensus, Artists Registry be placed back on the Future Agenda Items list until funding is identified.

F. Long-term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy

Chair Hernandez introduced this item. Discussion followed regarding the Art Element of General Plan 2040.

By consensus, Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy be placed on the May agenda for discussion and review of the art element of the General Plan.

G. Long-term Funding for the Arts Policy

Chair Hernandez introduced this item. Discussion followed regarding bringing the Long-term Funding for the Arts Policy draft back to the Commission for review, modifying and streamlining.

By consensus, Long-term Funding for the Arts Policy be placed on the June agenda for discussion and review of draft.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

No items on list.

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Vidor announced that Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park will have auditions on May 1st and 4th at Hanns Park.
- Commissioner Allen announced that the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum will hold their garden tour on May 19th.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: May 27, 2024, is a holiday, staff will check with City Clerk's Office for date and room availability.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:15 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez

Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON