



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. September 23, 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, Daniel Weiss

Absent: None

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Arriola reported she attended the opening of the Hispanic Heritage Month at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – No report, comments will be made throughout the agenda.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. JeanCherie, Wendy the Welder Project, gave a brief biography on her career and presented a video on how Wendy the Welder Project came into being, including the stories of Rosie the Riveter, who assembled ships and ammunition for the Second World War, who included more than 9000 women working on Mare Island building ships for the Navy. Because there is no monument to honor the service of women who worked on Mare Island, she wanted to create a sculpture of Wendy the Welder to tell the proud maritime history of Mare Island that includes women, who have been ignored. She is seeking support to make Wendy the Welder a reality. She has a specific location in mind on Mare Island and has talked with the Mare Island Co. She needs funds to build sculpture in the amount of approximately \$250,000. She responded to questions from the Commissioners. Request to put on the Future's List for next month's meeting. Vice Chair Cook volunteered to work with JeanCherie to place an article about Wendy the Welder project in the Vallejo Weekly.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved, and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the September 23, 2024, agenda. Approved unanimously 7-0.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Allen moved, and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the June 24, 2024, regular meeting. Approved 7-0. Chair Hernandez moved, and Vice Chair Cook seconded to accept the minutes from the July 22, 2024 regular meeting, stating there was not a quorum. Approved 3-0, Commissioners Vidor, Quismorio, Miller, Weiss absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy

Commissioner Vidor reported that the Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy Ad-Hoc Committee met and prepared the draft that is before the Commissioners. She outlined the different areas of the draft strategy, reported they looked at several cities' Master Plans, noting that some cities used consultants to help with developing the Master Plan. The draft strategy requires additional work by the Ad-Hoc Committee, they will bring the revised draft back next month for discussion.

Item continued to October meeting. Ad-Hoc Committee to provide revised draft and copies of examples of other cities' Master Plan to staff to be included in agenda packet.

B. Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy

Staff reported that the Commissioners were to review the draft Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy and provide comments; received comments from Commissioner Vidor. Commissioner Allen discussed the previous Percent for the Arts document. Discussion followed.

By consensus, this item will be held over until October meeting to allow Commissioners to review the draft Long-Term for the Arts Policy documents and provide suggestions on how to revise the draft document.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- A. Goalsetting/Work Plan
- B. Wendy the Welder Project
- C. Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork - keep
- D. Artists Registry – keep

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Allen announced the exhibits at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
- Vice Chair Cook announced the exhibits and performances at the Mira Theatre
- Commissioner Weiss announced rapper La Russell show in the downtown and upcoming show at the Solano County Fairgrounds

12. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** October 28, 2024.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Chair Hernandez at 7:56 p.m.

ATTESTED:


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON