



**COMMISSION ON CULTURE & ARTS
REGULAR MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025



6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS

Daniel Weiss (Chair)
Dalia Vidor (Vice Chair)
Trevor Allen
Andrea Hernandez
Margaret Miller
Chris Thorson
Monique Shaifer

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AGENDA

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 ROLL CALL

A OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSION MEMBER

4 COMMUNICATIONS

A CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

B COMMISSION SECRETARY REPORT

5 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

6 COMMUNITY FORUM

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7 CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: Approval of the September 22, 2025, agenda.

B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2025.

8 ACTION CALENDAR

NOTICE: Members of the public wishing to address the Housing Authority on Action Calendar Items are requested to submit a completed speaker card to the Secretary. Each speaker is limited to five minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.420.

A INVENTORY/STORAGE POLICY OF ARTWORK

Recommendation: Review the copy of the draft City of Vallejo Public Art Inventory. Discuss next steps.

B GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN

Recommendation: 1) Review the proposed goals and proposed FY 2026-2027 budget for work plan categories. Discuss next steps to drafting a

comprehensive work plan with budget and 2) consider creation of an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee.

- 9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
 - A ARTISTS REGISTRY
- 10 ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 11 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE**
 - A October 27, 2025
- 12 ADJOURNMENT**

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Dated: September 18, 2025

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Secretary



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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. July 28, 2025

CHAIR
Daniel Weiss
COMMISSIONERS
Dalia Vidor (Vice Chair)
Trevor Allen
Andrea Hernandez
Margaret Miller
Chris Thorson

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Daniel Weis, Vice Chair Dalia Vidor, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Margaret Miller, Chris Thorson

Absent: Commissioner Andrea Hernandez

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Councilmember Matias reported on City Council items priorities, public safety programming, safe passage to school program, negotiations with Sheriff's Office, monitoring the progression of the cultural district application, interviews for Commission appointments, talking with funders of the arts
- B. Commission Secretary Report – Staff reported that Doug Darling is interested in making a presentation at the September meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

None.

7. COMMUNITY FORUM

Sarah Wright, Chair of Beautification Commission, thanked Commission and Sister City for participation on the placement of the Onigawara.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved, and Vice Chair Vidor seconded to approve July 28, 2025, agenda. Approved 5-0.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Weiss moved, and Commissioner Thorson seconded to accept the minutes from June 23, 2025, regular meeting. Approved 5-0.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL PROPOSAL

Askari Sowonde showed a presentation of the first Black Lives Matter Mural on Santa Clara Street, showed examples of types of murals that can be on walls and possible locations. Discussion followed.

Chair Weiss moved and Commissioner Allen seconded to approve the concept of a Black Lives Matter mural to be put on city property, designed by the youth of Vallejo to be brought back at the design stage. Approved 5-0. Chair Weiss suggested that the Commission on the Culture & the Arts work with the Beautification Commission to identify more spots for murals. Staff recommended a joint meeting be held in the Fall. Councilmember Matias reported that the Economic Development Commission identified scooping an art event as part of their work plan.

B. PLACEMENT OF THE ONIGAWARA

Erik Rzomp, staff to the Sister City Commission and Executive Assistant to Mayor Sorce, provided background of the Onigawara, a gift from Sister City Akashi. Piece of art was vandalized and Japanese Garden where the sculpture was located was in disrepair. Sculpture was refurbished by a local artist and garden landscaped. Decision is to identify where to place the refurbished Onigawara either back outside in the Japanese Garden or indoors at a location to be determined. Discussion followed.

Public comments by Pelton Stewart, Rick Weyrech, Jerry Downs and Jean Cherie.

Questions and discussion by Commissioners. Chair Weiss moved and Vice Chair Vidor seconded to place the Onigawara outside to proximity where previously located with additional lighting on a tall pedestal, taller height than previously. Approved 5-0

C. CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL CULTURAL DISTRICTS GRANT PROGRAM

Carmen Slack, Christina Walkup, TJ Walkup, Solano County Arts Council, provided an update on what progress made to complete the application, due August 7th and history of the arts and culture in Vallejo. Questions and discussion.

Chair Weiss moved and Commissioner Thorson seconded to recommend that the Arts and Entertainment District outlined in the Downtown Specific Plan be used as the boundaries for the Culture Arts District with the option of expanding the district later and recommend that the City Manager give directions to the Planning and Development Services Director to sign the letter regarding land use. Approved 5-0

D. MEASURE P FUNDING REQUEST

Chair Weiss reported that he and Commissioners Hernandez and Thorson, Measure P Ad-Hoc Subcommittee met and thought they would make the presentation at that the August Measure P Oversight meeting, which was cancelled. Staff reported that a date

for a September Measure P Oversight meeting had not yet been selected and that City staff makes the presentations to the Commission and City Council, with Commissioners' assistance. Commissioner Thorson presented the draft proposal which addresses two of Vallejo's compelling needs, safety streets, intersection and crosswalks; and educational and leadership opportunity for Vallejo youth. Suggestion to add a pilot program to the proposal. The draft budget was discussed.

Public comments by Melvin Cowan, Founder of Enough Housing.

Vice Chair Vidor moved, and Commissioner Allen seconded to present the proposal as drafted with the addition that this is a pilot project. Approved 5-0.

E. GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN

Staff request the Commissioners provide necessary information to complete the work plan. Continue item to September meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork – Add to September agenda.
Artists Registry – Keep

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Allen announced the exhibits at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
Vidor announced Shakespeare in the Park tour ending at VINO Godfather Winery on
August 15th and 16th .

Next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2025

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chair Weiss at 8:49 pm

ATTESTED:

Daniel Weiss, CHAIR

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON

INVENTORY	OF	CITY-OWNED	ART				
Title	artist name	location	date of gifting	estimated market value	type and source of materials	specifications (dimensions, weight, etc.)	date of construction /creation
The Genius	Carl Mills	MLK Plaza Georgia St and Santa Clara St.	dedication date 1967, 2019				
"Silent Company"	Gordon Newell				a bronze figure that a monolithic sculpture of black granite set in a pool with water spraying on the sculpture.		
"The Structure"	Stefan A. Novak	stands in the commercial court just north of the Beeman Building;					
"Space Daisy"	Bella Feldman,				Aluminum sculpture		
"Triad"	Freda Koblick	missing			Stainless steel and acrylic plastic		
Luther Gibson		missing			Bust		
The Sculptured Wall	Martin Metal	Mare Island Way on the Waterfront promenade				Sculptred wall with bas-relief	
General Vallejo	Rosa Estebanez	Fountains in front of City Hall				Bust	
Benicia Vallejo	Rosa Estebanez	Fountains in front of City Hall				Bust	
Sena/Chief Solano	Rosa Estebanez	Fountains in front of City Hall				Bust	
Not Your Average Abalone	Benbow Bullock	Mare Island Way Vallejo Waterfront parking lot				Metal sculpture, triptich	
Children's Art Camp Mosaic Bench	collaborative	Virginia St parking lot				mosaic bench	
Downtown CCRC mural Alibi Clock	Miro Salazar	Georgia St at Santa Clara				mural	
Mother and Child	Jean Charie Andre "Natty Rebel"	Mare Island Way at the foot of Georgia St.				Sculpture	
Gateway to Vallejo Connections	Jones Sherry Tobin					Mural Mosaic Sculpture	

Utility Box	Nell Blackwell	Mare Island Way at MaineSt.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Jeff Snell	Mare Island Way	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	William Seivert	Mare Island Way and Georgia St.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Sherry Tobin	Mare Island Way at Georgia St.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Laura Noel	Georgia St.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Robin Maclean	York St.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Christopher Trujillo	Georgia St.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Sean Murdock	Georgia St. at Marin St.	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Cheryl Mitchell	Virginia and Marin	Painted city utility box
Utility Box	Verlannia Manchester	Florida and Marin	Painted city utility box

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS WORKPLAN LIST

Items mentioned at March meeting and discussed at April 24, 2025, special meeting

Grants

Substance of Bloomberg grant

Funding

Outreach to property owners

Long-term funding ideas for public art

Attending events - having a booth

Other Items Discussed

Funding for the work plan – produce and print flyers, receipt book, Culture & Arts Commission ink stamp training, tabling at various events, \$200,000 for regranting.

Chair Weiss Submissions

Brochures - To make 2,000 full-color brochures from PS Print would cost 358.41 and (optional and approximate) if we wanted to hire a designer to do the brochure it would be great to be budgeted for \$500 (that is figuring a \$50 an hour rate and a 10-hour job)

Rubber Stamp - from rubberstamp.com a customized address stamp is available for as little as \$10.50 plus .97 in tax and 5.99 in shipping

Receipt Book - 500 custom designed carbon copy forms for accepting donations would be \$89 from print pps (presumably there is tax and shipping here as well, but this has been harder to get without an accidental purchase, but I think it's safe to assume a similar amount percentage wise as the above

Total would be \$964.87 (plus a small amount more for shipping and tax) for the brochure project and donation forms

Vice Chair Vidor Submissions

\$100,000.00 - Commission on Culture and the Arts Grants for arts and culture program to continue the work of getting grant money directly to artists and cultural institutions of Vallejo

\$50,000.00 – Reinstallation of public art in storage to preserve City assets