



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. February 24, 2025

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Vacant, 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, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Daniel Weiss

Absent: Commissioner Annalisa Quismorio, Commissioner Margaret Miller

- 4. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Matias gave a brief background and shared his interest in the Commission.
 - B. Commission Liaison Report – Staff welcomed the new City Council Liaison, Councilmember Matias.

- 5. PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

None

- 6. COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

- 7. CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved, and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the February 24, 2025, agenda. Approved 4-0.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Weiss moved, and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from November 25, 2024, regular meeting. Approved 4-0.

- 8. ACTION CALENDAR**

A. Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy

Staff reported that the Ad-Hoc Committees draft of the Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy is included in the packet for Commissioners to review and provide comments. Commissioner Vidor gave an overview of the draft strategy. Commissioner Weiss recommended wording changes; staff read comments from Quismorio in her absence. Revisions were recommended by Commissioners. Council Liaison Matias reported he was looking into the certification/designation of the City of Vallejo becoming a cultural district and staff informed him where the city was in terms of receiving the certification. Ad-Hoc Committee will meet before the next meeting and provide revised draft for review.

Item continued to March meeting.

B. Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy

Staff reported that comments were received from Commissioners Vidor and Wiess. Commissioner Vidor gave an overview of the edits to the draft. Commissioners discussed the draft and other possible funding for the arts. Councilmember Matias gave comments. Reported that during a budget meeting, there was a \$1.8 million payment from Six Flags. He suggested that perhaps some of the payment from Six Flags can be used. Also requested that the Chair sends him all outstanding policies that the Commission has adopted that are still under review so he can elevate to Council. Additional comments by Commissioners. Mayor Sorce commented that there were discussions on how to include boards and commissions in the City Council goal setting; dates have not yet been selected, sometime in April. Encouraged Commissioners to proceed with work to provide by April. Discussion followed regarding establishing a Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

Chair Hernandez moved, and Commissioner Vidor seconded to establish a Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioner Vidor and Commissioner Weiss, with the possibility of adding another Commissioner next month. Approved 4-0.

C. Goalsetting/Work Plan

Staff provided dates that the Vallejo Room is available for meetings. Commissioners are available to meet on April 24th, 6 :00 pm in the Vallejo Room. Commissioners to provide items to be included on the goalsetting/work plan agenda.

Item continued to March meeting to discuss items to be included on the agenda.

D. Grants Program

Commissioner Weiss propose continuing the Grant Program discussion to next month's meeting. Commissioner Vidor reported that there is a NEA grant opportunity, deadlines to apply are March 11th and July 10th. Suggest the July 10th date, which needs matching funds for the grant. Discussion regarding NEA grant funding.

E. Wendy the Welder Project

Commissioners discussed endorsing Wending the Welder Project next month and finding ways to help with advertisement and promotions.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- A. Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork - keep
- B. Artists Registry – keep
- C. Relocating the public display board follow-up

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

Next meeting scheduled date: March 24, 2025.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Quismorio – read by Staff – “The Little Art Show: A Small Work Pop-up Show featuring Vallejo Artists” curated by The Little Art Show Vallejo and hosted by Alibi Bookshop on 624 Marin Street. Show duration will be from April 11 to May 3, 2025. Submission deadline is February 28th.
- Commissioner Allen – Vallejo Museum, Black History Month exhibit featuring Ursula and James Williams.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Allen at 7:43 p.m.

ATTESTED:


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON