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MINUTES

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

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor
Annalisa Quismorio
Margaret Miller
Daniel Weiss
Vacancy

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

Present: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Annalisa Quismorio, Margaret Miller, Daniel Weiss

Absent: None

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Matias reported that the Council will adopt the mid-year budget on March 25th; invited the Commissioners to attend the Council's budget meeting on April 12th and goal setting meeting, date to be determined; reported he followed up the City Attorney's Office to get an update on the Commission's draft documents under review by the CAO; doing outreach to people in the philanthropic space for future engagement with the Commission.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Staff noted that Veronica Nebb, City Attorney, is present and will be advising the Commissioners

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

None

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Chris Platzer invited the Commissioners to attend the soft opening of the Main Street alley project on April 5, 2025, at noon, corner of Marin and Indian Alley; also talked about the placement of public art. Attorney Nebb offered Mr. Platzer to me with her to discuss.

TJ Walkup would like to have Commissioners photographs and resumes on the city's website. Talked about work he has done.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved, and Chair Hernandez seconded to approve the March 24, 2025, agenda. Approved 6-0.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Weiss moved, and Commissioner Vidor seconded to accept the minutes from February 24, 2025, regular meeting. Approved 6-0.

8. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy

Staff reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee's revised draft of the Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy is included in the packet for Commissioners' review and comments. Commissioner Weiss stated that all changes made by the Commissioners at the last meeting were incorporated into the draft. Commissioner Vidor gave an over of the changes incorporated. Questions by Attorney Nebb regarding the document and the General Plan. Comments and questions by Councilmember Matias. Comments by Commissioners.

Chairman Hernandez moved, and Commissioner Allen seconded to accept the Long-Term Citywide Arts and Culture Strategy Plan and to forward to staff and City Council for review. Approved 6-0.

B. Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy

Staff reported that the draft Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy included in the agenda packet includes comments provided by the Commissioners that the Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioners Vidor and Weiss, compiled and are presenting as the revised document. Commissioner Vidor gave an overview of the edits to the draft. Attorney Nebb commented on the draft. Comments by Commissioners. Councilmember Matias provided comments, highlighting it is good to have a CAO representative at the Commission meetings. Attorney Nebb spoke on the Commission's draft gift policy and the Sister City proposed gift policy; need to come up with one city-wide policy. Staff spoke on the draft gift and loan policy previously given to the CAO for review. Councilmember Lediju said she's looking forward to the draft policies coming before the City Council. Additional comments by Commissioners. Inquired if another Commissioner wanted to be a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee; Commissioner Miller volunteered.

Chair Hernandez moved, and Commissioner Allen seconded to add Commissioner Miller to the Long-Term Funding for the Arts Policy Ad-Hoc Committee and have the Ad-Hoc Committee schedule a meeting with the CAO prior to the next regular scheduled meeting in May. Approved 6-0.

C. Goalsetting/Work Plan

Staff requested Commissioners provide topics they want to discuss during the Special Work Plan/Goalsetting meeting. Commissioners provided topics.

D. Wendy the Welder Project

Commissioner Weiss requests the Commission formally endorse the Wendy the Welder Project and recommend the project goes forward. Staff asked Attorney Nebb if the name of the Culture & Arts Commission be used by the artist on fundraising material. Attorney Nebb explained the procedure that may need to take place. Discussion.

Commissioner Weiss moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to move the Wendy the Welder Project forward to City Council with Commission's recommendation to support the project for a more formal endorsement and potentially include the Commission in their future fundraising efforts. Approved 6-0.

E. RELOCATING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY BOARD

Commissioner Allen moved, and Commissioner Weiss seconded to move Items E and F to the May meeting. Approved 6-0.

F. GRANT PROGRAMS

Commissioner Allen moved, and Commissioner Weiss seconded to move Items E and F to the May meeting. Approved 6-0.

G. VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE ARTS PROPOSAL

Askari Sowonde gave an overview of the proposed Vocational School of the Arts. Students from the 6th grade to the 12th grade, program would bring back the teachings of life skills; provide a state of the vocational (HVAC, automobile, carpentry, welding, art music/studio, updated theatre, dance learning skills, culinary arts, photography, media and more. School would provide both an accredited program and a vocational program. TJ Walker provided remarks. Comments by Commissioners.

Commissioner Allen moved, and Chair Hernandez seconded to endorse the concept of the Vocational School of the Arts proposal. Approved 6-0.

H. BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL PROPOSAL

Askari Sowonde presented a PPT on possible locations on building walls throughout the city to replace the Black Lives Mural that was previously on the asphalt on Santa Clara Street, possibility a mural on City Hall. Ms. Askari will provide additional information at the May meeting.

Item held over to May meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

A. Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork - keep

B. Artists Registry – keep

10. INFORMATION CALENDAR

Next meeting scheduled date: Special meeting, April 24, 2025.

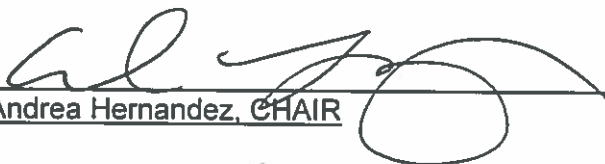
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Vidor announced that Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park is holding auditions for As You Like It for their show in July. Anyone interested should contact vallejoshakespeare.org.
- Staff reminded Commissioners to fill out survey form as to what time of recognition they would like for their service to the city.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chair Hernandez at 8:28 p.m.

ATTESTED:


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON