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## MINUTES

### COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. June 23, 2025

CHAIR  
Daniel Weiss  
COMMISSIONERS  
Trevor Allen  
Dalia Vidor  
Andrea Hernandez  
Margaret Miller  
Chris Thorson

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

Present: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Margaret Miller, Daniel Weiss, Chris Thorson

Absent: None

4. **ELECTION**

#### **NOMINATE AND ELECT NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Commissioner Vidor nominated Commissioner Weiss as Chair. There were no other nominations. Approved unanimously 6-0.

Commissioner Hernandez nominated Commissioner Vidor as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Approved unanimously 6-0.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. No report

B. Commission Secretary Report – Staff reported that Public Works and Planning staff is looking into a location of a public notice board on the waterfront that does not conflict with BCDC regulations. Also reported that the draft Long Term Funding for the Arts policy was forwarded to City Attorney's Office.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

None.

7. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None

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

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved, and Vice Chair Vidor seconded to approve June 23, 2025, agenda. Approved 6-0.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Weiss moved, and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from May 29, 2025, special meeting. Approved 6-0.

**9. ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. MEASURE P FUNDING REQUEST**

The Commissioners outlined their proposed suggestions for Measure P funds that included a youth mural or art installation projects in blighted or neglected areas in each city council district; asphalt art to enhance crosswalks and intersections near schools and parks; free youth art camps and programming; commission an artist to build a Sly Stone memorial in Vallejo. Melvin Cowan, Founder of Enough Housing, proposes collaboration with the Commission on a community arts activation event at shopping center on Sonoma Blvd. Discussion followed on the proposed suggestions, including having a mobile art studio/mobile, and art window project.

Commissioners Hernandez, Thorson and Chair Weiss volunteered to be on an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. Vice Chair Vidor moved, and Chair Weiss seconded to create an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to request funds from Measure P in the amount needed for the project that includes a mobile art studio, street art in each district, collaboration with Melvin Cowan and city council members, to create street art with the youth elements program. Approved 6-0.

**B. GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN**

Staff request the Commissioners provide a budget for each item of the proposed work plan prior to the July meeting.

**C. BLACK LIVES MATTER MURAL PROPOSAL**

Continue to next meeting.

**D. CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL CULTURAL DISTRICTS GRANT PROGRAM**

Staff reported she spoke with Carmen Slack, Executive Director of Solano County Arts Council (SCAC), regarding applying to the California Arts Council. Ms. Slack said the SCAC is working on an application and would like to collaborate with Cultural and Arts Commission. She's not able to attend the meeting, however Christina from her staff will attend. Reported that \$10,000 is available.

Christina Walkup, Administrative Assistant to Ms. Slack, reported SCAC started the application for the California Arts Council Cultural District Grant Program, application period closes on August 7<sup>th</sup>; application includes a few different components such as a

cultural asset inventory of the region being proposed as the cultural district and defining the boundaries of the district.

TJ Walkup, with the Vallejo Chapter of the SCAC, mentioned various events the SCAC manage or is involved in.

Chair Weiss said he thinks the Commission should collaborate with the SCAC. Vice Chair Vidor commented on the two existing historic districts. Commissioner Allen agree on the collaboration with SCAC, have the downtown as the focused area, and have SCAC be the applicant. Ms. Walkup answered questions regarding the application. It was suggested to use the Downtown Specific Plan as a focus. Commissioner Allen and Vice Chair Vidor volunteered to work with SCAC on the application. By consensus, Commissioners Allen and Vidor will work with SCAC on behalf of the Commission.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork – Keep  
Artists Registry – Keep

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Vidor announced Shakespeare in the Park show of As You Like It  
Commissioner Allen announced the exhibits at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and other activities

Next meeting scheduled for July 28, 2025

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Chair Weiss at 7:35 pm

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**ATTESTED:**



Daniel Weiss, CHAIR



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