



**COMMISSION ON CULTURE & ARTS
REGULAR MEETING**

MARCH 23, 2026



6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS

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

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Vallejo, CA 94590**

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AGENDA

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3 ROLL CALL

4 COMMUNICATIONS

A CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

B COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT

5 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS

A None

6 COMMUNITY FORUM

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7 CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: Approval of March 23, 2026, agenda.

B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of minutes from the Regular Meetings of January 26, 2026, and February 23, 2026.

8 ACTION CALENDAR

NOTICE: Members of the public wishing to address the Commission 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 COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP (MRG) LLC REPORT ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Recommendation: Discuss and provide comments on the MRG Report and provide responses to the questionnaire.

B GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN REVIEW

Recommendation: Provide comments on goal setting and work plan PowerPoint presentation to City Council on March 3, 2026.

C **ADVOCATE TO CITY COUNCIL TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS
ART/CULTURE/CREATIVITY MONTH**

Recommendation: Discuss how the Commission can advocate to the City Council to proclaim April as Art/Culture/Creativity month.

D **BUDGET PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST**

Recommendation: Discuss Work Plan budget requests for FY 2026-2027.

9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A **Next meeting April 27, 2026**

11 ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: March 19, 2026

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Secretary



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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. January 26, 2026

CHAIR
Daniel Weiss
COMMISSIONERS
Dalia Vidor (Vice Chair)
Andrea Hernandez
Margaret Miller
Chris Thorson
Monique Shaifer
Justin Calonia

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

Present: Chair Daniel Weiss, Vice Chair Dalia Vidor, Commissioners Andrea Hernandez, Margaret Miller, Chris Thorson, Monique Shaifer, Justin Calonia

A. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW AND REAPPOINTED COMMISSIONERS**

The Oath of Office was given to Justin Calonia and Monique Shaifer. Commissioner Calonia gave a brief background, and the Commissioners provided a brief background to introduce themselves to Commissioner Calonia.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Councilmember Matias reported on the Broadway Project, Sheriff assistance, focus on economic development, encouraged Commissioners to learn more about each other, and special meeting in March on board and commissions work plans.
- B. Commission Secretary Report – Introduced Brad Paul, Interim Economic Development Director. Mr. Paul gave a background of his interest in art.

5. **PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS**

None.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None

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

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Vidor moved, and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to approve January 26, 2026, agenda. Approved 7-0.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Weiss moved, and Commissioner Thorson seconded to accept the minutes of November 24, 2025, regular meeting. Approved 6-0, 1 abstention.

8. ACTION CALENDAR

A. PLACEMENT OF ONIGAWARA

Erik Rzomp, staff support to Sister City Commission, gave an update on the placement of the Onigawara and the actions taken by the Sister City Commission.

Pelton Stewart, Sister City Commissioner, provided remarks.

Rick Weirich responded to questions about the plants being planted

Chair Weiss moved and Commissioner Shaifer seconded to recommend an elevated design for the reburbished Onigawara outside in the Japanese Garden. Approved 7-0.

B. GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN

Staff reported that the special Boards/Commissions/Committees meeting will be held the first wee of March. Required for that meeting are a work plan, budget and staff report. Commissioner Shaifer reported on aspects of the draft work plan and the alignment with the State on culture and arts. Vice Chair Vidor went over the draft work plan and proposed budget. Chair Weiss mentioned the timeline of proposed activities. Portions of the work plan and timeline were discussed and amended.

Vice Chair Vidor moved, and Commissioner Hernandez seconded, to approve the draft Work Plan, with edits including timelines and the budget, and recommend forwarding to City Council for approval. Approved 7-0.

C. COMMISSION DRAFT POLICIES MEMOS

Chair Weiss gave an overview of what he reported at last month's meeting, regarding his meeting with City Attorney Nebb, Councilmember Matias and staff, to discuss the Commission's draft long term funding for the arts, and gift and loan policies. A process was developed that Chair Weiss draft one-page summary of the three draft policies to present to the City Council to determine if they want the City Attorney to look at the draft policies. Chair Weiss and Vice Chair Vidor prepared the drafts for the Commissioners review, discussion, and recommendation to forward to City Council.

Commissioner Thorson moved, and Commissioner Shaifer seconded to forward the two memos regarding the long-term funding for the arts and gift and loan be forwarded to City Council so they can make a recommendation to the City Attorney's Office for a feasibility study. Approved 7-0.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Advocate to proclaim April as Art/Culture/Creativity month

- Budget planning for fiscal year budget request
- View art in storage – In April

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Weiss announced that The Village, 1503 Tennessee Street, is having its grand opening on January 28th

Commissioner Shaifer announced she and Vice Chair attended the meeting hosted by the California Arts Council on Building Creative Economies

Next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chair Weiss at 7:22 pm

ATTESTED:

Daniel Weiss, CHAIR

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON



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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. February 23, 2026

CHAIR
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Chris Thorson
Monique Shaifer
Justin Calonia

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:15 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Vice Chair Dalia Vidor, Commissioners Chris Thorson, Justin Calonia

Absent: Chair Daniel Weiss, Commissioners Andrea Hernandez, Margaret Miller, Monique Shaifer

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was cancelled.

ATTESTED:

Daniel Weiss, CHAIR

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON

Questions to facilitate discussion with BCCs members:

Name of Board, Commission, Committee: _____

Date of Meeting: _____

The City contracted with Municipal Resource Group (MRG) to perform a review of City Boards, Commissions and Committees (BCCs), make suggestions as to best practices, and review BCCs for potential consolidation. The report from MRG was presented to City Council and staff were instructed to ask for, and receive feedback from members of BCCs, to directly to include as data with the report.

1. Do you believe you have the necessary training and tools to help you be effective in your role?

1.b. What, if anything, could make you more effective?

2. Do you feel the topic(s) your (Board / Commission / Committee) oversees is easily understandable, focused, and reflects the work you do?

3. Do you believe having defined goals and a work plan would help your (Board / Commission / Committee) be more effective?

4. Do you feel your recommendations, if any, flow through to City Council well?

5. Do you feel consolidation of Boards, Commissions or Committees with overlapping focuses would be a positive step?

5.b. If so, do any specifically come to mind?



Commission on Culture and the Arts 2026 WORK PLAN



The 2026 Annual Commission on Culture and the Arts' Work Plan represents the proposed actions to promote, strengthen, and enrich arts and culture throughout the community for the upcoming year. It draws on Vallejo's demographics, economic development plan and the needs and priorities of Vallejo's cultural and artistic community. The plan also outlines strategies to secure continuous funding sources that will ensure ongoing support for individual artists, culture and arts organizations, events and activities, consistent with the General Plan 2040 Update, Arts and Culture Element.



COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS GOALS

- **Support, Promote, and Build Upon Vallejo's Place as a Center for Arts and Creativity:** Attract more artists and entrepreneurs to live and work in Vallejo.
- **Position Arts and Entertainment as Economic Drivers:** Foster a vibrant art community and strengthen Vallejo's position as a regional destination for arts and entertainment.
- **Collect, Conserve and Maintain Inventory of City Own Art:** Maintain an inventory list of all Public Art owned and maintained by the City of Vallejo.
- **Support the Local Arts Scene:** Promote arts and culture and integrate public art and performance spaces into public and private development.
- **Support Recreational and Cultural Activities:** Provide a full range of recreational, Cultural and artistic activities that caters to the diverse interests of Vallejoans, including inter-generational opportunities.
- **Celebrate Vallejo:** Promote community events, festivals, and public art installations that highlight Vallejo's history, identity, and diversity while celebrating the interests of Vallejo residents and attracting visitors.

- **Promote Culture & Arts in Vallejo**
- **Position Arts and Culture as Economic Drivers**
- **Procure Funds for Culture & Arts Projects**
- **Support, Promote, and Advocate for Artists**
- **Collect, Conserve and Maintain Vallejo's Art Collections**
- **Coordinate + Partner with Other Commissions and Organizations**
- **Align with CA State's Strategic Art Plans**
- **Keep Commissioners Informed and Educated**





FUNDING FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

SECURE \$200,000 IN FUNDING For Grants for Arts and Cultural programs

- **\$100,000.00 to be granted to Individual Artists and Arts Activities**
- **\$100,000.00 to be granted to Non-Profit Cultural Organizations**

SECURE MEASURE P FUNDING For Asphalt Art Project

- **\$134,500 to create Asphalt Art to enhance crosswalks and intersections.**

Adopt a Long-Term Funding for the Arts and Cultural Benefit



A vibrant local arts community strengthens Vallejo's position as a regional destination for arts and entertainment.

- The Downtown/Waterfront District continues to serve youth, visitors and the region with music, theater, and entertainment.
- The Arts can attract new businesses to complement and enhance existing venues.
- Citywide marketing and branding can increase the visibility of local arts and artisans.
- Collaborative promotion, coordination and marketing of Vallejo festivals and events can boost impact and attendance.
- The City's film permitting program to attract film and television projects can continue to boost Vallejo's visibility and provide revenue for the city.





THANK YOU

Dalia Vidor, Vice Chair
Chris Thorson, Commissioner
Commission on Culture & the Arts