



**COMMISSION ON CULTURE & ARTS
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 27, 2026



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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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 PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026 AS
ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY MONTH**

6 COMMUNITY FORUM

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7 CONSENT CALENDAR AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: Approval of April 27, 2026, agenda.

B APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 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 GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN

Recommendation: Discuss next steps to implement the Work Plan. Receive an update from the Work Plan Budget Ad-Hoc Committee.

9 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Advocate to the City Council to proclaim April 2027 as Art/Culture/Creativity Month; place on the November 2026 agenda.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Next meeting May 27, 2026 — Note change of date

11 ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: April 23, 2026

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Secretary



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MINUTES

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

Absent: Commissioner Justin Calonia

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Councilmember Matias reported that the feedback from the various commissions on the MRG report has been invaluable and will help the City Council form a more informed decision when the item is presented to them; that the Commission's memos were shared to the City Council; reported on the special March 3rd special city council meeting on Boards, Committees, and Commissions, thanked the Commission for their presentation; on the projected \$28 million structural deficit in fiscal year 2026-27; the City Council received the public safety update; on development projects; support the areas that are identified as priority areas.
- B. Commission Secretary Report – Asked Brad Paul, Interim ED Director for comments; stated work plan well down, look forward to working with Commission to implement the plan. Staff introduced Jason Layon, IT staff, and Sukhnandan Nijjar, Deputy City Attorney, stated a city attorney will be at most, if not all meetings.

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 March 23, 2026, agenda. Approved 6-0.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Weiss moved, and Commissioner Thorson seconded to accept the minutes of January 26, 2026, regular meeting. Approved 6-0. Chair Weiss moved, and Commissioner Shaifer seconded to accept the minutes of the cancelled February 23, 2026, regular meeting. Approved 6-0

8. ACTION CALENDAR

A. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP (MRG) LLC REPORT ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Comments by Commissioners opposing MRG's recommendation to incorporate Cultural & Arts Commission and Marina Advisory Commission into the Economic Development Commission. Comments that Cultural & Arts Commission is doing great work, has unique skills to California initiatives to build creative economies, has successfully regranted funds to artists, artist organizations, and non-profits, questioned the reason for the recommendation, policy to allow Commissioners to attend remotely, collaborate with other commissions. Staff and Attorney Nijjar reported that a practice with the City Council members who cannot attend the in-person meeting may post the notice of the meeting with the location of the Councilmember, giving the City Clerk a 3-day notice to adhere to the Brown Act. Councilmember Matias commented that the City Council is in a fact-finding phase to get feedback from boards and commissions; there was strong opposition from some of the Chairpersons at the March 3rd special Boards, Committees and Commission meeting. Council will consider input from the Boards and Commissions. Comments by Commissioners that Vallejo is a place where artists live, be creative and have the city's support. Discussion followed.

Commissioners responded to the questions presented by MRG. Commissioners may also provide written responses to staff by Wednesday. Overall responses included additional procedural training, perhaps by a training video and in-person; topics the Commission oversees is easily understandable, focused, and reflects the work they do; have defined goals and work plan help Commission be more effective; does not feel recommendations flow through City Council well; note, new policy being implemented; does not feel consolidating boards, commissions or committee with overlapping focuses is a positive step.

B. GOAL SETTING/WORK PLAN REVIEW

Chair Weiss thanked Vice Chair Vidor and Commissioner Thorson for making the goal setting/work plan to the City Council. Staff reported that the presentation was well received with interest in the sidewalk art proposal; due to the projected \$28 million deficit, budgets were not approved during the meeting. Vice Chair Vidor thanked Commissioner Thorsen, said they made a great team.

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

Chair Weiss introduced the item to advocate to the City Council to proclaim April as Art/Culture/Creativity Month. Vice Chair Vidor provided information on how to proceed with requesting the proclamation from the Mayor's Office. Commissioner Shaifer offered to assist with drafting the proclamation.

Vice Chair Vidor moved and Commissioner Shaifer seconded to create an ad-hoc committee consisting of Vice Chair Vidor and Commissioner Shaifer proceed with filling out the request form to proclaim April as Art/Culture/Creativity Month, submit to the Mayor's Office. Failed 0-6. Commissioner Hernandez moved and Chair Weiss seconded to have Commissioner Shaifer and Vice Chair Vidor fill out the proclamation application to proclaim April as Art/Culture/Creativity Month, to be submitted to staff Taylor no later than March 30th. Approved 6-0.

D. BUDGET PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET REQUEST

Chair Weiss suggested that to make sure the budget requests in the Work Plan are not forgotten and are funded, an ad hoc committee be created. Chair Weiss, Commissioners Miller and Thorson volunteered to be on the ad-hoc committee.

Chair Weiss moved and Vice Chair Vidor seconded to create a budget ad hoc committee consisting of Chair Weiss, Commissioners Miller and Thorson to plan for budgetary requests at the fiscal year budget of city council should funds be available. Approved 6-0

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Advocate to the City Council to proclaim April 2027 as Art/Culture/Creativity Month; place on November 2026 agenda
- View art in storage – In April

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Next meeting scheduled for April 23, 2026

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Chair Weiss at 7:33 pm

ATTESTED:

Daniel Weiss, CHAIR

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON