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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. February 22, 2021

CHAIR
Dalia Vidor
COMMISSIONERS
Trevor Allen, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Ken Mullen
Kathy Cook
Askari Sowonde
Andrea Hernandez

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **COMMUNICATIONS – 6:05**
 - A. City Council Liaison Report
 - B. Commission Liaison Report
5. **PRESENTATIONS - 6:10 p.m.**
 - A. Shelee Loughmiller, Community & Volunteer Coordinator – Anti-litter Yard Sign Contest
6. **COMMUNITY FORUM – 6:15 p.m.**

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7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 6:30 p.m.**
 - A. **Approval of Agenda**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the February 22, 2021 agenda.
8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:30 p.m.**
 - B. **Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting.
9. **ACTION CALENDAR**
 - A. **Inventory of City-Owned Art – 6:35 p.m.**

Chairperson Vidor to provide an update.
Recommendation: Information only.
 - B. **Letter of Support for the North Bay Venue Coalition – 6:40 p.m.**

Review and discuss the draft letter of support for the North Bay Venue Coalition.
Recommendation: By motion, approve the draft letter of support.
 - C. **Art Grant Program Update – 7:00**

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, to provide an update.
Recommendation: Information only.
 - D. **Draft Loan Policy – 7:10**

Choose an Ad-Hoc Committee to research loan policies and draft an initial loan policy for the City of Vallejo.

Recommendation: Discuss potential loan policy and select an Ad-Hoc Committee

E. Solano County Arts Council – 7:40

Discuss contacting Solano County Arts Council to make a presentation to the Commission

Recommendation: Contact Solano County Arts Council to make presentation at a future Commission meeting

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:55 p.m.

A. Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List

- Art in storage
- CCRC presentation
- Vallejo Artists Collective Gallery/Temple Art Lofts Community Gallery
- Art of Peace Update
- Artwalk Update
- Century 14 Theaters/Fathom cultural events
- African American Alliance
- Naval Museum
- Mad Hatter Presentation

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: March 22, 2021

12. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

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I, Annette Taylor, do hereby certify that we have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Commission on Culture & The Arts, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:30 p.m., February 18, 2021.

Dated: Thursday, February 18, 2021

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison

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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. January 25, 2021

CHAIR
Dalia Vidor
COMMISSIONERS
Trevor Allen, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Ken Mullen
Kathy Cook
Askari Sowonde
Andrea Hernandez

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Dalia Vidor, Chair, Trevor Allen, Vice Chair, Stacey Loew, Ken Mullen, Kathy Cook

Absent: Askari Sowonde, Andrea Hernandez

- 4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW AND REAPPOINTED COMMISSION MEMBERS**
Councilmember Verda-Aliga administered the oath of office to reappointed Commissioner Dalia Vidor and newly appointed Commissioner Kathy Cook

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Congratulated Commissioner Vidor on her reappointed and congratulated and welcomed Commissioner Cook. Reported that on Tuesday's City Council agenda the Commission's recommendation for funding is Consent Calendar for FY 2020-21. Pleased to be reappointed as Council Liaison to Commission.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – In response to questions about date of Commission's retreat and goal setting, the retreat will take place after the City Council's goal setting takes place; tentatively scheduled for March. Discussed Long Term Funding may be on Council's goal setting agenda if added by Council Liaison Verder-Aliga. Tentative dates presented to Council Liaison Verder-Aliga for goal setting were the week of March 15th or March 22nd.

- 6. PRESENTATIONS**
A. None
- 7. COMMUNITY FORUM**
None

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Cook seconded to approve the January 25, 2021 agenda. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioner Hernandez and Sowonde absent.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vidor moved and Commissioner Mullen seconded to accept the minutes from the November 23, 2020 meeting. Approved unanimously, 4-0 with Commissioner Cook abstaining and Commissioners Hernandez and Sowonde absent.

10. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Inventory of City-Owned Art

The inventory of city-owned art spreadsheet was sent to the Commissioners for their review and comment. Next steps are to provide spreadsheet to other organizations, city officials, and whoever may have city-owned art to be included in the inventory. Discussed organizations that may have art or have knowledge of city-owned art and what may be stored on Mare Island. Draft a letter to send to organizations. Moved by Chair Vidor that Commissioners send additional items not listed to her and staff.

B. Discussion on Gift Policy

Chairperson Vidor opened the item for discussion on the edits. After discussion, asked next steps. Council Liaison Verder-Aliga will work with staff to have placed on future City Council agenda after reviewed by City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Mullen seconded to accept the edits to the Gift Policy and forward to City Council to be placed on a future agenda. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioners Hernandez and Sowonde absent.

C. Art Grant Program Update

Item on City Council's Consent Calendar tomorrow, Tuesday. Commissioners welcomed to call in for comment. After City Council approval, VCAF may enter into contract with the grant awardees.

Information only.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

Chair Vidor stated that now the Gift Policy has been completed by the Commission, she would like to draft a Loan Policy. Agendize for next meeting. Commissioner Cook requested that the Commission draft a letter of support for the North Bay Venue Coalition which is a coalition of venues in Solano, Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties, part of a larger network that falls under the national independent venues association. Letter of support would be to help coalition and California venues get a

seat at the table to discuss reopening plans for performing arts venues. There is no clear path for the reopening of venues currently. Agendize for next meeting.

Commissioner Loew asked Commissioner Cook her background, which Commissioner Cook gave.

Vice Chair Allen would like the city to work with the Solano County Arts Council. Put on Future's List for February.

Staff reported that the State lifted the Shelter in Place Order and is going back to the Tier System. Solano County in Purple Tier which means restaurants are able to open outdoors only, hair salons, barber shops and nail salons open indoors with modifications.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: February 22, 2021

13. ADJOURNMENT – 6:57 p.m.

ATTESTED:

DALIA VIDOR, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON

Dear Local Leaders:

The City of Vallejo's Commission on Culture and the Arts respectfully issue this letter of support for the North Bay Venue Coalition's urgent request for county and state assistance for independent music venues and promoters across the North Bay. Independent venues, whose members, employees, and local artist communities are facing an existential crisis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, are in urgent need of targeted legislative and regulatory assistance.

Live venues were the first to close and sadly will be the last to reopen. These businesses and artists have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and some will close forever without meaningful intervention from the state and local governing bodies. Many venues across the California and the country have already permanently closed and the remaining venues are in dire need, having been shuttered for 11 months already.

It will likely take another eight to nine months for venues to resume to their full performance schedules, requiring months of pre-planning, booking, and rehiring, but this cannot effectively begin until reopening guidelines specific to venues have been established.

Recent NIVA (National Independent Venue Association) statistics show staggering figures from their almost 3,000 members:

95% Revenue Loss

95% Employees Furloughed

100% Ongoing Overhead Expense Liability

90% Venues at risk of bankruptcy

The collapse of this industry has devastated the music and performing arts ecosystem and deeply affected our local economies. These venues directly support industry professionals. Their economic reach will be paramount to post covid economic recovery. It is estimated that every \$1 spent on tickets generates \$12 of economic activity at nearby bars, restaurants, studios, cafes, hotels, transportation services and retail.

Independent venues are asking for an investment to secure their future. If these venues close forever, the North Bay will not only lose our cultural and entertainment hubs, we will also lose the engine that would otherwise be a driver of economic revival for all the businesses that surround them.

We support NBVC's request for assistance and respectfully urge the passage of state and local legislation, and access to emergency funding, that will help Save Our Stages.

Sincerely,
Commission on Culture and the Arts, City of Vallejo