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## AGENDA

### COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. May 24, 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. Mark Lampkin – CAC Grant Recipient – SheRoes – Visual Arts
  - B. Jim Gardia – CAC Grant Recipient – Vallejo Symphony Orchestra – Performing Arts
  - C. Adjoa McDonald – Vallejo Project
6. **COMMUNITY FORUM – 6:40 p.m.**

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7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 6:55 p.m.**
  - A. **Approval of Agenda**  
Recommendation: By motion, approve the May 24, 2021 agenda.
8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:55 p.m.**
  - B. **Approval of Minutes**  
Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting.
9. **ACTION CALENDAR**
  - A. **Art Grant Program Update – 7:00 p.m.**  
Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, to provide an update.  
Recommendation: Information only.
  - B. **Commission on Culture & Arts Grant Recipients – 7:10 p.m.**  
This item is continued from last month's meeting to allow Commissioner Sowonde to create a page for the lists of previous grant recipients. Commissioners to review page.  
Recommendation: By consensus accept draft page for website
  - C. **Research Areas of Vallejo to Display Art and/or Hold Events – 7:20**  
Discuss how to identify various areas of the city to display art and hold events  
Recommendation: Determine how the Commission would like to proceed.

**D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee – 7:40 p.m.**

At suggestion of Vice Chair Allen, discuss forming an Ad-Hoc committee to work on grants with Carmen Slack, Solano County Arts Council

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:50 p.m.**

- A. Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List
- Art in storage
  - Artist Directory

**11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 28, 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., May 20, 2021.

Dated: Thursday, May 20, 2021

*Annette Taylor*

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Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison

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## MINUTES

### COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. April 26, 2021

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dalia Vidor, Chair, Trevor Allen, Vice Chair, Stacey Loew, Kathy Cook, Askari Sowonde, Andrea Hernandez

Absent: Ken Mullen

#### 4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – City Council goal setting scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> from noon to 7:00 pm and May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, live at Cal Maritime downtown location, agenda posted on website, hired a consultant, Urban Strategies Council, to do community outreach, respond to online survey
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Reported that the Public Art Funds is active and currently the account is being used for the Capitol Street Stairs; more research is needed on how to do fund raising for the account

#### 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Carmen Slack, Executive Director, Solano County Arts Council – Most of grants are out of season, coming back soon; willing to help apply for grants through California Arts Council, Solano County Arts Council or NEA; go to [solanocountyartscouncil.com](http://solanocountyartscouncil.com) website for phone number; several grants available for individual artists; Art Walk will start as soon as allowed, known throughout the state; trying to get money from NEA, Our Town grant; gave diversity grant through CARE; gave brief description of Solano County Arts Council
- B. Jacqueline Crosetti, Suite Treatments, Artist Collective and Showroom – gave history of company; started on Mare Island approximately 20 years ago, moved to Oakland to expand making props, pivoted due to COVID, returned to Vallejo and purchased a building on 3729 Sonoma Blvd, start with a younger demographic and troubled

youth, teach how to make money doing art; starting with retail store, opened for about one month; want to volunteer to help grow the art community; have classes in the future; for information go to [suitetreatments.com](http://suitetreatments.com); experience in event production, do streaming at location, create a program to educate people, selling art of other arts also, inquired about list of artists

- C. Kathy O'Hare, Obtainium Works – Downtown Activities – Reported she is no longer on the Art Walk team, is available to help; Obtainium Works is in the midst of doing other projects, not doing Obtainium Cup in July, good year to prepare vehicles, back next year with a big bang; believe will have Mad Hatter this year the in December, Open Studios happening in November; next year is their 10 year anniversary in Vallejo; planning a big event in March around St. Patrick's Day which is their anniversary; may do an event closing 500 block of Pennsylvania Street to do a flea market giveaway/free market this summer; downtown is getting better and busier; VCAF summer art camp is coming up, collecting recycle plastic, kids involved with schools; Visions of the Wild end of September at Temple Arts Loft.

**6. COMMUNITY FORUM**

None

**7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Sowonde seconded to approve the April 26, 2021 agenda. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Loew moved and Commissioner Cook seconded to accept the minutes from the March 22, 2021 meeting. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

**9. ACTION CALENDAR**

**A. Art Grant Program Update**

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, reported all contracts have been submitted and signed, Bay Area Stage Theater to receive first payment, Solano County Chapter of Links hasn't submitted their invoice yet, El Comalito Collective received first payment, SheRoes received first payment and on CAC agenda to do presentation in May, Kids-N-Film received first payment, Solano Aids Coalition hasn't submitted an invoice, Vallejo Symphony Orchestra received first payment and notified Jim Gardia that since they have completed their project to do a presentation before CAC, Naval Historical Museum received first payment, Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park receiving their payment this week, Vallejo Teaching Artists have not submitted an invoice, Filipino American National Historical Society received first payment, and Vallejo Community Arts Foundation hasn't submitted an invoice, working on summer camp. Ms. Conlin reported that Vallejo Choral Society revised grant, not able to do concert in Spring due to COVID, use money awarded in Fall. Commissioners provided consensus to allow change of date, clarify if there will be one or two free concerts and that the funds will only be used in Vallejo.

Information only.

**B. Draft Loan Policy**

The Ad-Hoc committee, consisting of Commissioners Cook, Loew, and Vidor felt that a loan policy would not work as an addendum to the gift policy, best as a stand-alone policy; discussion followed as to how loan policy was drafted; had questions for staff asking if staff maintained a list of insured artworks in the city's collection, would a loaned piece of work be added as a covered item while in possession of the artwork, and should there be a more specific loan agreement for works of art on loan to the city or loaned out by the city and who would draft the agreement.

Commissioner Vidor moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to accept the draft policy and recommend it be forwarded to the appropriate staff. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent

**C. 1405 Georgia Street Event Center – Izzy Drumgoole**

Commissioner Sowonde asked Ms. Drumgoole how she thought the Commission could assist her. Discussion followed with recommendations of how Ms. Drumgoole may proceed. Ms. Drumgoole said her number one priority is to secure the property, share what efforts she has already made.

Information only.

**D. Commission on Culture & Arts Grant Recipients**

Discussion on how to promote previous art program awardees and local artists. Suggest place on VCAF website and City website; city staff suggest producing an appealing page with artwork with a link to city website. Commissioner Sowonde volunteered to work on this and bring it back at next month's meeting.

**E. Research Areas of Vallejo to Display Art and/or Hold Events**

Chair Vidor said this topic is to discuss how to expand arts and culture in various parts of the city that have been left out. Discuss taking portion of funding to do other things in other areas or receive other money to fund different activities. Table to next month's meeting for further discussion.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List**

Chair Vidor requested Commissioners add items to the Future Agenda Items. To be added are arts in storage and artist directory. Items may be sent by email to staff.

**11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: April 26, 2021**

**12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:59 p.m.**

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ATTESTED:

*Dalia Vidor*

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*Annette Taylor*

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