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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. July 26, 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. Mel Orpilla – CAC Grant Recipient – Filipino Community of Solano County – Cultural Events & Activities
6. **COMMUNITY FORUM – 6:20 p.m.**

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7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 6:35 p.m.**
 - A. **Approval of Agenda**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the June 28, 2021 agenda.
8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:35 p.m.**
 - B. **Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting.
9. **ACTION CALENDAR**
 - A. **Art Grant Program Update – 6:40 p.m.**

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, to provide an update.
Recommendation: Information only.
 - B. **Commission on Culture & Arts Grant Recipients – 6:50 p.m.**

This item is continued to allow the Commission provide update on how the poster will be distributed.
Recommendation: Information only
 - C. **Research Areas of Vallejo to Display Art and/or Hold Events – 7:00**

This item is continued from last month's meeting to allow the Commissioners to review the Arts/Artist list compiled by Chair Vidor and to provide Commissioner Loew with any new venues.
Recommendation: Review and discuss the lists of venues.

D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee – 7:20 p.m.

Continued from last month, the Ad-Hoc committee consisting of Chair Vidor, Vice Chair Allen, and Commissioner Cook will provide an update.

Recommendation: Information only.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:30 p.m.

A. Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List

- Art in storage
- Artist Directory
- Retreat/Goal Setting
- Waterfront Park

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners – 7:40

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: To be determined

13. 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., July 22, 2021.

Dated: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison

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MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Dalia Vidor, Chair, Stacey Loew, Kathy Cook, Askari Sowonde (6:25 pm)

Absent: Vice Chair Trevor Allen, Kathy Cook, Ken Mullen

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. City Council Liaison Report – Reported that the Pista sa Nasyon was held on June 27th with a brief program; created a pop hybrid with live and virtual performances. Inquired about payment of invoices. City's budget was passed.

B. Commission Liaison Report – No report.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Jim Gardia, Executive Director – CAC Grant Recipient – Vallejo Symphony Orchestra – Performing Arts - Reported they had originally planned a Christmas holiday concert with a brass quintet, due to COVID cancelled and went with a harp soloist, Harp for the Holidays, explained history of the harp; performance made available to everyone, advertised through newsletter and Facebook page, viewed by 325 people; can view on Symphony's Facebook page; planning new season.
- B. Adjoa McDonald, Executive Director – Vallejo Project – Reported that they are a new non-profit in Vallejo; mission is to empower Vallejo's high risk middle-and-high school youth to pursue pathways towards healthy living and careers; goal includes building youth leadership through partnerships with adults; partnered with different organizations; program objectives are to aim to engage with youth in holistic approach to wellness and development – basic carpentry, sustainable lifestyles, yoga/mindfulness, community service; partnering with Richmond Build for 11 different trades; MOU with Touro University to train interns; described different programing; four pillars for organization – trades, wellness, arts and culture; have

public and private partnerships; active since January 2020; would like to collaborate with the Commission.

6. COMMUNITY FORUM

Jean McDougal – speaking on behalf of Empower Solano, as community opens up, important to have vaccinations; many venues providing vaccinations, Uber and Lyft providing transportation

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Sowonde moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to approve the June 28, 2021 agenda. Approved unanimously, 4-0 with Commissioners Allen, Cook, and Mullen absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sowonde moved and Commissioner Loew seconded to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting with corrections to her comments under Announcement from Commissioners that include changing Children's Network to Children's Workshop, changing the dates for Cat on A Hot Tin Roof to the first three weekends in November, and Chapter 2 opens January 23rd and closes February 6th. Approved unanimously, 4-0 with Commissioners Allen, Cooke, and Mullen absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Art Grant Program Update

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, reported submitted invoices for Pista sa Nayon, SheRoes, Solano Inc., Vallejo Center for the Arts and Solano County Chapter of Links; checks haven't been written because have not received check from the City; may ask for City to reissue check if not received the next day. Three organizations/individual have not submitted anything – Olivia Fabrizio, Solano AIDS Coalition, and the Choral Society; Vallejo Symphony Orchestra made presentation can receive final payment once submit invoice.

Information only.

B. Commission on Culture & Arts Grant Recipients

Commissioner Sowonde made the changes suggested by the Commission. City will provide a link to the poster. Discussed having the links of the different recipients embedded in the poster by the Commission, Chair Vidor will work on embedding the link; top part of poster cutoff when it was scanned; send jpeg to the Commissioners; discussed having pictures of the Commission on city web page; Vice Verder-Aliga will check with Acting City Manager

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

Continued from last month. Chair Vidor thought each Commissioner can take on one of the 6 districts, mentioned previous art in windows project. Staff reminded that the Commissioners stated last month they didn't have the bandwidth to take on an Ad Hoc Committee at this time and add venues to the Excel sheet Chair Vidor shared. Discussed who would responsible for compiling list. Commissioner Loew reached out to two venues; would like to expand list to include additional informational on venue amenities; will compile list.

Information only.

D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Vidor reported that Commissioner Allen reached out to Carmen Slack, Solano Arts Council; she is interested in helping Commission with discovering grants for the arts, start researching grants, large NEA grant and post COVID grants. Continue to next month

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- Commissioner Sowonde – September 11th, Naval Museum Fundraiser Gala, Cotton Club Comes to Vallejo, 5 pm to 9 pm; August 7th, Southern Lands Company One Love Festival with little bit of Reggae, R&B and Blues, 1 pm to 8 pm, Mare Island
- Commissioner Loew – Mad Hatter Festival, reached out to Frank Malifrand, not happening this year
- Commissioner Hernandez – Had a successful Pista sa Nasyon, forward link
- Chair Vidor – Shakespeare in the Park, Tempest, July 24th and 25th in Hanns Park, travel show to Martinez and Oakland, evening shows at Children's Wonderland on August 6th and 7th, doing show Ren style

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: July 26, 2021

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:11 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Dalia Vidor

DALIA VIDOR, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON