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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. May 23, 2022

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Trevor Allen
Askari Sowonde
Dalia Vidor
Rochelle Del Rosario

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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. Sheryl McKibben – VP, Marketing & Communications, West Coast Operations,
Southern Land Company – Art Projects on Mare Island

6. COMMUNITY FORUM – 6:25 p.m.

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7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 6:40 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: By motion, approve the May 23, 2022 agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:40 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022 regular meeting.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

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A. Art Grant Program Update – 6:45 p.m.

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, to provide an update.

Recommendation: Information only.

B. Long Term Arts Funding Policy Update– 6:50 p.m.

Staff will provide an update.

Recommendation: Information only.

C. Public Art Policy – 6:55 p.m.

Receive update from City Attorney's Office.

Recommendation: Information only.

D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee – 7:00 p.m.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will provide an update on the California Arts Council (CAC) grant.

Recommendation: By motion, give recommendation to proceed with CAC grant.

E. Artists Registry – 7:15 p.m.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will provide an update.

Recommendation: Information only.

F. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding – 7:20 p.m.

Staff to provide an update.

Recommendation: Information only.

G. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly – 7:25 p.m.

Vice Chair Cook will provide a draft procedure on how to select Vallejo weekly articles.

Recommendation: Make a recommendation on the draft procedure.

H. Vocational School of the Arts – 7:35

Commissioner Sowonde asked this item to be agenized

Recommendation: Information only

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:45 p.m.

A. Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List

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

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners – 7:50 p.m.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 27, 2022

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., May 19, 2022.

Dated: Thursday, May 19, 2022

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. April 25, 2022

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
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Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Trevor Allen
Askari Sowonde
Dalia Vidor
Rochelle Del Rosario

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

Present: Andrea Hernandez, Chair, Vice Chair Kathy Cook, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Askari Sowonde, Dalia Vidor, Rochelle Del Rosario

Absent: Commissioner Stacey Loew

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Reported that she was in conversation with the City Manager and Finance Director regarding ARPA fund criteria. Conversation with staff to understand criteria. Budget session in May, request to set aside \$100,000 from General Fund
- B. Commission Liaison Report – No report, comments to address agenda items.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

None

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the April 25, 2022 agenda. Approved unanimously, 6-0, Commissioner Loew absent.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Cook moved and Commissioner Del Rosario seconded to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2022 meeting. Approved unanimously, 6-0, Commissioner Loew absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Art Grant Program Update

Renay provided a written report. There are two grant recipients who have not completed their projects; Solano County Links and Olivia Fabrizio. Make final presentation at June meeting.

Information only.

B. Long Term Arts Funding Policy Update

Staff reported that a staff has been designated to replace Felicia, is getting updated and hope to make a presentation soon

Item continued to May meeting.

C. Public Art Policy

Angad Ganapuram, City Attorney's Office, reported that the policy has been circulated within the City Attorney's Office, received feedback, needs clean up language and minor changes; reported he has a scheduling issue and will be away until September, options to hand over to new law clerk or wait until he returns in September; approximately 95% completed; provided what is in the draft policy. Staff responded to Commissioners questions. Commissioners are requesting that this does not be delayed until September.

Item continued.

D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Allen reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee hasn't met, however he forwarded a link to a California Arts Council (CAC) grant; Ad-Hoc Committee to meet to discuss; request permission from City Manager's Office to have city grant consultant review the possibility of applying for CAC. Agenized for May meeting, depending on response from City Manager's Office.

E. Artists Registry

Commissioner Del Rosario reported the Ad-Hoc Committee hasn't met yet, taking a look at the landscape, what's out there, researched different cities; pros and cons to different approaches; need to define a scope. Discussion followed regarding paying others who work on this project. Vice Mayor asked that staff look into paying Gretchen; staff responded there are no funds at this time. Membership/subscription based model was discussed; Ad-Hoc Committee to scope out work.

F. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Chair Hernandez reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met twice, interviewed two candidates (Vallejo Community Arts Foundation and the Solano County Arts Council) for the administrator roll; after reviewing the candidates, one candidate (Vallejo Community Arts Foundation) withdrew; Ad-Hoc Committee will recommend the remaining candidate (Solano County Arts Council).

Commissioner Hernandez moved and Commissioner Sowonde seconded that the Solano County Arts Council be recommended to administer the ARPA grant funds. Approved unanimously 6-0 with Commissioner Loew absent.

G. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Vice Chair Cook reported that the Vallejo Weekly has broadened what it covers, want to explore highlighting an artist once a week or once a month, may be a part of the registry, great way to move artists to the fore front; discuss need to have a procedure on how the artists/artwork is selected. Discussion how often an article will appear in the Vallejo Weekly. Vice Chair to provide a draft procedure for Commissioners to review at next month's meeting.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Art in storage on Mare Island
 - Staff contacted Public Works on scheduling dates and times Commissioners can review the art is storage perhaps June or July; groups less than a quorum. Waiting for a response.
- Retreat and goal setting – City Council held its goal setting meeting on April 11, 2022. Economic Development top priority. Budget decided in May, suggests schedule a retreat in July or August, work plan in October or November, present to City Council. Work plan should highlight economic development
- Waterfront Park – Project moving forward
- Vocational School of the Arts – Discussion in May

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Vidor announced that Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park is currently holding auditions. Interested people can go to their website, vallejoshakespeare.org for more information. They are doing Much Ado About Nothing this summer
- Vice Chair Cook announced Saturday, May 18th at 8 pm, Overlooked Latinas – award winning one woman comedy show by Tina D'Elia; Saturday, June 3rd at 8 pm, Unmasked – Stories from the Heart, first presentation of Mira Guild's resident LGBTQ+POC theatre ensemble "Chocolate Rainbow Theatre Company; Thursday, June 30th at 7 pm, Gay in the USA – A Pride 4th of July, a fun mashup of two celebrations with drag and burlesque performances and karaoke – all events are at the Bay Area Terrace Theatre, 51 Daniels Ave, Vallejo
- Commissioner Allen announced that the Vallejo Garden Tour that benefits the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is happening on May 15th

- Commissioner Del Rosario announced the Pista Se Nayan 2022, doing something different, doing smaller events throughout the month of June, one at Mare Island Coal Sheds on June 18th, event geared towards youth at Filipino Community Center, more information at Vallejopistasenayan.com.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: May 23, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:15 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez

Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON