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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. October 24, 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 and Brian Nagy – Mare Island Co. – Update on art projects on Mare Island

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 October 24, 2022 agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:35 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the September 29, 2022 special meeting.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

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A. Graffiti Abatement Street Mural Project – 6:40 p.m.

Susan Slater, Vice Chair Beautification Commission, to provide information on the project and inquire if the Commission on Culture & the Arts is interested in working together on project.

Recommendation: By motion, make recommendation.

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

No action.

Recommendation: None.

C. Public Art Policy – 6:50 p.m.

Review draft letter from the Ad Hoc Committee to move this policy forward to approval by City Council.

Recommendation: By motion, recommend letter be forwarded to City Council.

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

The Ad-Hoc Committee will provide information on grants.

Recommendation: Information only.

E. Artists Registry – 7:05 p.m.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will provide an update.

Recommendation: Information only.

F. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding – 7:15 p.m.

Carmen Slack, Solano County Arts Council, to provide an update on ARPA grant funding for arts/culture nonprofits.

Recommendation: Information only.

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

Vice Chair Cook will to provide and update on the Vallejo Weekly.

Recommendation: Information only.

H. Art in Storage – 7:35 pm

Review draft letter from the Ad Hoc Committee inquiring into the disappearance of the public art pieces that were stored in Building 535.

Recommendation: By motion, recommend letter be forwarded to staff and City Council.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:50 p.m.

A. Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List

- Retreat/Goal Setting
- Waterfront Park

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners – 7:55 p.m.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: November 16, 2022 – Special Meeting

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., October 20, 2022.

Dated: Thursday, October 20, 2022

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison



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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. September 29, 2022

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
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 – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Reported that second round of ARPA funding received; City Council to decide how to allocate.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Lynette Henley – Solano County Links, LLC gave an update on the poetry program and presented a copy of the poetry book to the Commission for the city. A picture was taken with Ms. Henley presenting the book to the Commissioners.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the September 29, 2022 agenda. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Loew absent.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Hernandez moved and Commissioner Del Rosario seconded to accept the minutes from the July 25, 2022 meeting. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Loew absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Art Grant Program Update

Renay Conlin gave a brief overview of the art grant program and provided some suggestions on how to improve process if there are future grants. Commissioners offered suggestions.

Information only.

B. Long Term Arts Funding Policy Update

Staff reported that there are no actions to report. Comments by Commission.

Item continued.

C. Public Art Policy

Randy Risner, Chief Assistant City Attorney, reported that there is a policy that is drafted and ready to go, committed to go to Council by the end of the year; though have no control on Council agendas. Commissioner Vidor recommended an Ad Hoc Committee formed to draft a letter to City Council to move this item forward.

By motion, Chair Hernandez moved and Vice Chair Cook seconded to have Commissioners Vidor, Allen and Sowonde serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee to draft letter to City Council. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Loew absent.

D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Cook reported that the Ad-Hoc Committee did not meet due to scheduling conflicts and there are no further grant recommendations at this time. Focus remains the National Endowment for the Arts grants for the arts project, matching fund grant that can be administered by city arts commission; one-year time line for submission; focus to target February application portal for fiscal 2024-time frame.

E. Artists Registry

Commissioner Del Rosario reported that there are not any updates at this time.

Information only.

F. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Carmen Slack, Solano County Arts Council, gave an update on the ARPA nonprofit grant funding. Approximately 20 people have applications ready and four people have sent in the applications; all groups from Vallejo; giving listening sessions, workshops; may get at least 15 applications; confirm October 21st deadline to submit applications; November the Commission recommends selections. Ad Hoc will need to meet and make recommendations to full Commission at the special meeting in

November. Another meeting with grantees one year after receipt of grant to provide information.

G. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Staff reported that she spoke with Christina Lee, PIO, regarding the Commission's submittal of articles in the Vallejo Weekly. Commissioner Vidor commented on the memo to Vice Chair Cook from the PIO and articles that appeared in the previous Vallejo Weekly. Vice Chair Cook reminded Commissioners that artists need to be Vallejo residents; still need submittals from some of the Commissioners.

Staff to work with the PIO to get articles placed in Vallejo Weekly.

H. Art in Storage

Commissioner Vidor reported the pieces that are missing are Space Daisy by Bella Feldman, Triad by Freda Koblick, and two metal sculptures that are unnamed; doesn't seem there is any records of location of pieces. Spoke to have pieces installed.

By motion, Chair Hernandez moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to have Chair Hernandez, Vice Chair Cook, and Commissioner Vidor serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee to draft letter to City Council. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Loew absent.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Mare Island Co. to provide an update on art projects on Mare Island
- Beautification Commission to make a request to Commission to assist with a graffiti abatement street mural project
- Retreat and goal setting – November 16, 2022; 10 am to 1 pm, Vallejo Room.
- Waterfront Park – No update.

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioners Allen and Vidor thanked Commissioner Sowonde for the Black Lives Matter mural
- Commissioner Vidor announced that Waterfront Weekend is this upcoming weekend, lots of events on both sides of the strait; 2-day event with new events both days
- Commissioner Allen announced the Vallejo Kids Book Festival, October 8th from 10 am to 4pm, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marine Street, Free admission; one free book per child, as long as supplies last; sponsored by First Five Solano
- Vice Chair Cook announced the Verismo Opera will be performing segments of Il Trovatore on October 1 and 2 at 1 pm as part of the Waterfront Weekend Festival

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: November 16, 2022, Special meeting, 10 am to 1 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:22 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez

Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON

Vallejo City Council
City Management
City of Vallejo

The Commission on Culture and the Arts would like to put forth to City Council to review and adopt the Public Art Gift and Loan Policy which has been completed and is currently waiting for review in the City Attorney's office.

Vallejo Municipal Code Chapter 2.32 establishes the Commission on Culture and the Arts' responsibility to "coordinate arts projects for the benefit of the community" and to "advise the City Council regarding public arts projects."

The importance of having a Public Art Policy in place is to protect the City from certain liability. It will ensure Public Art owned by the City of Vallejo is cataloged and accounted for and will provide guidelines for accepting and caring for Public Art loaned to the City. The City of Vallejo owns several large pieces of valuable public art, created and designed for Vallejo by artists of note, along with the Capitol Street Mosaic Stairs, murals and other public art.

Along with the legal benefits of adopting the Public Art Gift and Loan Policy, the Policy will accompany the collection of information for a Local Artist Registry, which can provide potential opportunities to local artists when developers are looking to add a public art element to their property design. The Public Art Policy can also create a path to utilize the Public Art's value as collateral for possible investment by the City in economic development. Public Art contributes to the quality of life for all Vallejoans and creates a welcoming environment for visitors.

The benefits of adopting this policy by the City Council are numerous. The Commission on Culture and the Arts urges the Vallejo City Council to review and adopt the Public Art Gift and Loan Policy. Adopting this policy will protect the Public Art loaned to and owned by the City of Vallejo and enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you,

Vallejo Commission on Culture and the Arts
Chair, Andrea Hernandez
Vice-Chair, Kat Cook
Trevor Allen
Rochelle Delrosario
Stacey Loew
Askari Sowonde
Dalia Vidor

October 20, 2022

To: City Council of Vallejo, and City Staff

555 Santa Clara St #3, Vallejo, CA 94590

City Councilmembers and Staff:

The Vallejo Commission on Culture and the Arts, in its official capacity as an advisory board, recommends that the City investigate the disappearance of four significant pieces of public art from City property on Mare Island.

The City of Vallejo owns several large pieces of valuable public art, created and designed for Vallejo by artists of note. Over the years, a lack of oversight and direction from the City as to how to manage or store these items has led to the disappearance of four pieces of public art. The pieces missing are Space Daisy by Bella Feldman, Triad by Freda Koblick, and two large metal sculptures, unnamed in the picture titled Art in Storage. Triad is composed of stainless steel, acrylic, and plastic. Space Daisy is cast aluminum. We have attached photos to this letter for your reference.

Triad and Space Daisy went missing some time ago, though exactly when is undetermined. The two unnamed pieces disappeared from building 535 on Mare Island after 2018.

In addition to locating these missing art pieces, as custodians of City owned art, there is an important need for specific protocols to be put in place for the oversight of storage and movement of the art. It is also recommended that there be a designated and exclusive space for the storage so that such protocols may be more easily implemented and observed.

Public art has tremendous social and monetary value for the City and its citizens. If we are to regard City owned art as not worthy of special care and attention, then the City as a whole suffers. It will also impair our ability to gain the trust of significant artists and donors who may otherwise want to contribute to the artistic richness of our community.

We strongly encourage the City of Vallejo and the Department of Public Works to take immediate action on locating the four missing art pieces and make some determinations as to where public art can be safely stored, inventoried, and tracked when relocation is needed by special request, installation, or other specified reason.

Sincerely,

Andrea Hernandez, Chair, Commission on Culture and the Arts

Kathy Cook, Vice Chair

Trevor Allen

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Stacey Loew

Askari Sowonde

Dalia Vidor

... sculptors and art works

CARL MILLES

The classic bronze figure "Genius," used for the front cover, is mounted on a black granite pedestal and set into the Town Square. The late Carl Milles is known to have been inspired by the profound concentration and intense struggle of the writer, August Strindberg. These qualities are powerfully expressed in this handsome statue, the only reproduction of the original in America and purchased from the Milles estate in Sweden.

Space Flower

GORDON NEWELL

Mr. Newell's "Silent Company" is pictured and described on page 10.

BELLA FELDMAN

The top photograph pictures the large cast aluminum sculpture by Mrs. Feldman. Textures and spaces interplay with the botanic forms; the symbolizes the inflorescence of Marina Vista.

FREDA KORLIICK

Miss Korlick's stainless steel and acrylic fountain sculpture "Triad," center photograph on this page. The large plastic panels catch the cascading water and create special effects with refracted light.

Triad

STEFAN NOVAK

"THE STRUGGLE" a reminder of sailing ships, masts, and creaking spars of old-timbered Bay Area sculpts, Stefan A. Novak captured the influence of Vallejo's historical water front with his redwood sculpture located just north of the Beeman Building in the commercial court.

Mr. Novak's giant redwood structure is pictured at bottom right on this page.

MARTIN METAL

Pictured on the inside front cover are two bas-relief plaques documenting Vallejo's history which are inset into the 60-foot long wall sculpted by Mr. Metal for U.S.S. Independence Park.



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