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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. March 27, 2023

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

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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. None

6. COMMUNITY FORUM – 6:10 p.m.

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7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 6:25 p.m.

- A. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: By motion, approve the March 27, 2023 agenda.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:25 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the February 27, 2023 regular meeting.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

*NOTICE: Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on Action Calendar Items may do so in person by submitting a completed speakers card to the Executive Secretary of the Commission or via ZOOM (<https://ZoomRegular.Cityofvallejo.net>), or via phone, by dialing (669) 900-6833. Enter Meeting ID: 914 0075 0676#. Press *9 to digitally raise your hand from the phone. For additional instructions on how to speak remotely during public comment, please visit, www.cityofvallejo.net/publiccomment. Each speaker is limited to five minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.02.420. In person speakers will be recognized first*

A. Grants Ad Hoc Committee – 6:30 p.m.

- (1) National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Grant – Commissioner(s) to provide an overview of the NEA.

Recommendation: Decide which Commissioners will work on NEA grant application.

- (2) Creative Corps Capital Region Program – City of Sacramento's Office of Arts and Culture – asking nonprofit organizations, artists collectives and individual artists to apply – program covers Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, Alpine and Solano Counties. The grant program consists of two types of grants: (1) twenty mid-sized grants of \$117,000 to nonprofit organizations, collaboratives, and units of local or tribal government; (2) five large grants of \$300,000 to nonprofit organizations, and units of local or tribal government.

Recommendation: Discuss program and make a recommendation.

B. Goals and Work Plan 2023 – 6:45 p.m.

Organize the list of goals and photos to present to City Council.

Recommendation: Finalize the presentation format.

C. South Waterfront Park - 7:15 p.m.

Review Commissioner Vidor's draft letter to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and appropriate City of Vallejo officials to include Silent Company, the large art installation, in the Tribe's waterfront development project.

Recommendation: By motion, recommend letter be sent to Tribe and city officials.

D. Artists Registry – 7:25 p.m.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will provide an update.

Recommendation: By motion, decide to reconsider in the future.

E. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly – 7:35 p.m.

Vice Chair Cook will provide an update on highlighting artists in the Vallejo Weekly.

Recommendation: Information only.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:40 p.m.

- A. Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners – 7:45 p.m.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: April 24, 2023

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., March 23, 2023.

Dated: Thursday, March 23, 2023

Annette Taylor

Annette Taylor, Staff Liaison



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MINUTES

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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, Stacey Loew, Dalia Vidor, Askari Sowonde

Absent: Commissioner Rochelle Del Rosario

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – No report, remarks offered during agenda items

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. None.

6. COMMUNITY FORUM

None.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Cook seconded to approve the February 27, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Del Rosario absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Loew moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the January 23, 2023 regular meeting. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Del Rosario absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

- A. California Arts Council State-Designated Cultural District

Staff reported that the funding for the California Arts Council (CAC) was amended to support only the existing cohort of 14 districts. The City of Vallejo has been added to CAC's Prospective Cultural Districts roster and will be notified once funding allows for new designations. Carmen Slack notified staff that six years ago she asked the City of Vallejo be added to the list. Staff responded to questions.

Information only.

B. Grant Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Vidor provided an update on the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge grant submission. City is requesting \$550,000 with a 10% community engagement for a total \$565,000. Project title is Vallejo Youth: Voices and Vision; combination of spoken work and mural/painting and aspect. Provided details of proposed grant and identified community partners involved with the grant proposal. Submittal is first round, notification to come in Spring 2023. Community partners were acknowledged and thanked. If the City is not selected for Bloomberg grant, we have the framework to apply for other grants.

Vice Chair Cook reported that the Ad Hoc Committee was considering applying for a Grants for Art Projects from NEA in February prior to the Bloomberg grant opportunity. There is a second window for the NEA grant application process, deadline July 6th; awards given in April 2024 with a Summer 2024 proposed project start date. Ask other Commissioners be involved with researching NEA grant.

Information only.

C. Vallejo Teaching Artists (VTA) – Youth Public Works Project

James Orlando updated the Commissioners on the grant they received a few years ago from the Commission that funded the VTA Youth Art Magazine (YAM, which is in its third edition. Reported on an exposure grant – the Public Works Project. Introduced Leah Tumerman, local muralist, who discussed the five different modules of the project. Requesting access to the city's collection, the ability to interview one of the Commissioner(s), and having a place where students can make a presentation. Commissioners provided comments.

Chair Hernandez moved and Commissioner Loew seconded the request from VTA for assistance with project. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Del Rosario absent.

D. Goals and Work Plan 2023

At the last meeting staff asked the Commissioners to group the proposed goals to put in the presentation to the City Council. Commissioner Vidor went over the list she provided which was divided into four groupings. Commissioners discussed goals and provided input. Discussed images to include in the presentation. Commissioners volunteered to provide photos and images. Staff offered to schedule meetings to collect and go over photos and images.

E. South Waterfront Park

Commissioner Vidor requested the Commission draft a letter to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to install the Silent Company sculpture in their proposed development; gave an overview the artist, Gordon Newell.

Michael Nimon, Economic Development Director, gave an update on the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation project and the waterfront area; Tribe to help city in designing the park; project will have tourism and cultural components, etc.

Commissioners discussed the previous attempts to develop the park, outreach to indigenous and other local artists, community input, artistic statement of Silent Company and the placement of the piece on the waterfront.

Commissioner Vidor moved and Vice Chair Cook seconded that the Commission draft a letter to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, through the City Manager, to inform them of the availability of a large piece of art, the Silent Company, that may be included in the design of the South Waterfront Park and to include local artists in the design of their park. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Del Rosario absent.

F. Artists Registry

Commissioner Loew reported there are no updates.

Information only.

G. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Vice Chair Cook provided an update; highlighting two per month; reported who have submitted artists; ask the Commissioners who have not submitted an artist to contact artists and get the submissions going. Articles on art pieces may also be featured

Information only.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Waterfront Park – Discussed
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy -

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Loew reported that next weekend is the closing weekend for Game's Afoot; March 11th Kith & Kin, March 18th and 19th Aca-Word, April 14th and 15th Laugh Your Taxes Off
- Vice Chair Cook reported the Vallejo Arts Fund deadlines for the remaining grants - Next Level Artist Grants, Arts Cultural Space Grants, BIOPIC Centered Arts & Cultural Practice Grants, Youth Arts Grants, are open for applications and the deadline to apply is March 18th, 2023. Application workshops held regularly at LaDells Shoes on Georgia Street.

Verismo Opera is currently performing FAUST at Mira Theatre Saturdays & Sundays through March 12th.

- Commissioner Allen announced the annual trivia night at Naval and Historical Museum this Saturday

12. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** March 27, 2023

13. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:42 p.m.**

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez

Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON

SACRAMENTO CITY EXPRESS

POSTED ON MARCH 15, 2023

ARTIST COLLECTIVES AND NONPROFITS NOW CAN APPLY TO JOIN CREATIVE CORPS CAPITAL REGION AND HELP DEVELOP IMPORTANT PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS

The City of Sacramento's Office of Arts and Culture is asking nonprofit organizations, artists collectives and individual artists to apply to join the "Creative Corps Capital Region" program, which covers Sacramento, Yolo, El Dorado, Alpine and Solano counties.

The program will provide grants to artist collectives and non-profit organizations to create artist-led campaigns to increase public awareness related to water and energy, conservation, climate mitigation, public-health awareness around COVID-19, civic engagement, and social justice.

"California Creative Corps will support our arts and culture organizations as they put their creativity to work addressing some of our most pressing community issues," said Mayor Darrell Steinberg.

The City in August was awarded \$4.75 million from the California Arts Council to implement the state's new California Creative Corps program for the capital region.

The grant program consists of two types of grants:

- Twenty mid-sized grants of \$117,000 to nonprofit organizations, collaboratives, and units of local or tribal government
- Five large grants of \$300,000 to nonprofit organizations, and units of local or tribal government

The City also will open a separate application for artists who want to apply for temporary positions in Sacramento City government departments for one year to assist in outreach and engagement around one of the four focus areas.

Both **YoloArts** and **Arts and Culture El Dorado County** are partnering with the Office of Arts & Culture to engage their communities in this work.

“YoloArts is honored to work with the City’s Office of Arts and Culture on the Creative Corps program,” said YoloArts Executive Director Alison Flory. “Artists and cultural workers are vital partners within our community, but often overlooked and underutilized. Our communities will benefit from the creative workforce collaborating across sectors to develop outreach campaigns around our most pressing social issues.”

Those interested in participating can find program guidelines and apply on the City’s website:

<https://arts.cityofsacramento.org/creativecorps>

Applications are due May 1 and projects are expected to start in August.

An application webinar will take place at 4 p.m. March 16. Attendees can register on the City’s website. There will also be in-person mixers taking place across the different regions to learn more about the program.

Sign up for email updates to stay up to date with the **[Creative Corps Capital Region program here](#)**.

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS
2022/23 GOALS AND WORKPLAN

Commissioner Vidor's Recommendations

Policy

1. Long Term Funding and Loan and Gift Policy
8. Pursue Designated Arts & Cultural District
9. Granting more authority to Commission

Partnerships

4. Partnerships with other Commissions

Outreach

2. Include/Activate neglected districts – Reach out to find out what's needed
2. Outreach to BIPOC artists and cultural leaders – Reach out
5. Indigenous recognition

Funding

6. EDD Support
 7. Annual NEA and CAC grants
- General Fund

The Commission on Culture and the Arts is very excited about the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation's development of the property at 285 Mare Island Way into a cultural center and restaurant. This will be a wonderful addition to the Vallejo Waterfront.

The Commission on Culture and the Arts also understands the Wintun Nation will "assist the city in developing a Waterfront History Park directly south of the cultural center." as reported in the Vallejo Sun and we were informed at one of our Commission meetings.

The Commission wanted to let the Wintun Nation know about a large piece of public art in storage, Silent Company by sculpture Gordon Newell. This large monolithic three-piece sculpture of black granite had been previously set in a fountain on the now demolished Georgia Plaza which was located at the foot of Georgia Street. It now sits in storage on Mare Island.

The Commission on Culture and the Art would like to inquire if the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation would be interested in incorporating the sculpture into the design of the Waterfront History Park? It would be of great benefit to the City of Vallejo to re-install this gift to the City, and bring back this public art installation. This piece has been languishing in storage for over 3 decades and our hope is to see it installed back in the public sphere where this contemplative piece can be enjoyed by all who encounter it.

Thank you,

Commission on Culture and the Arts

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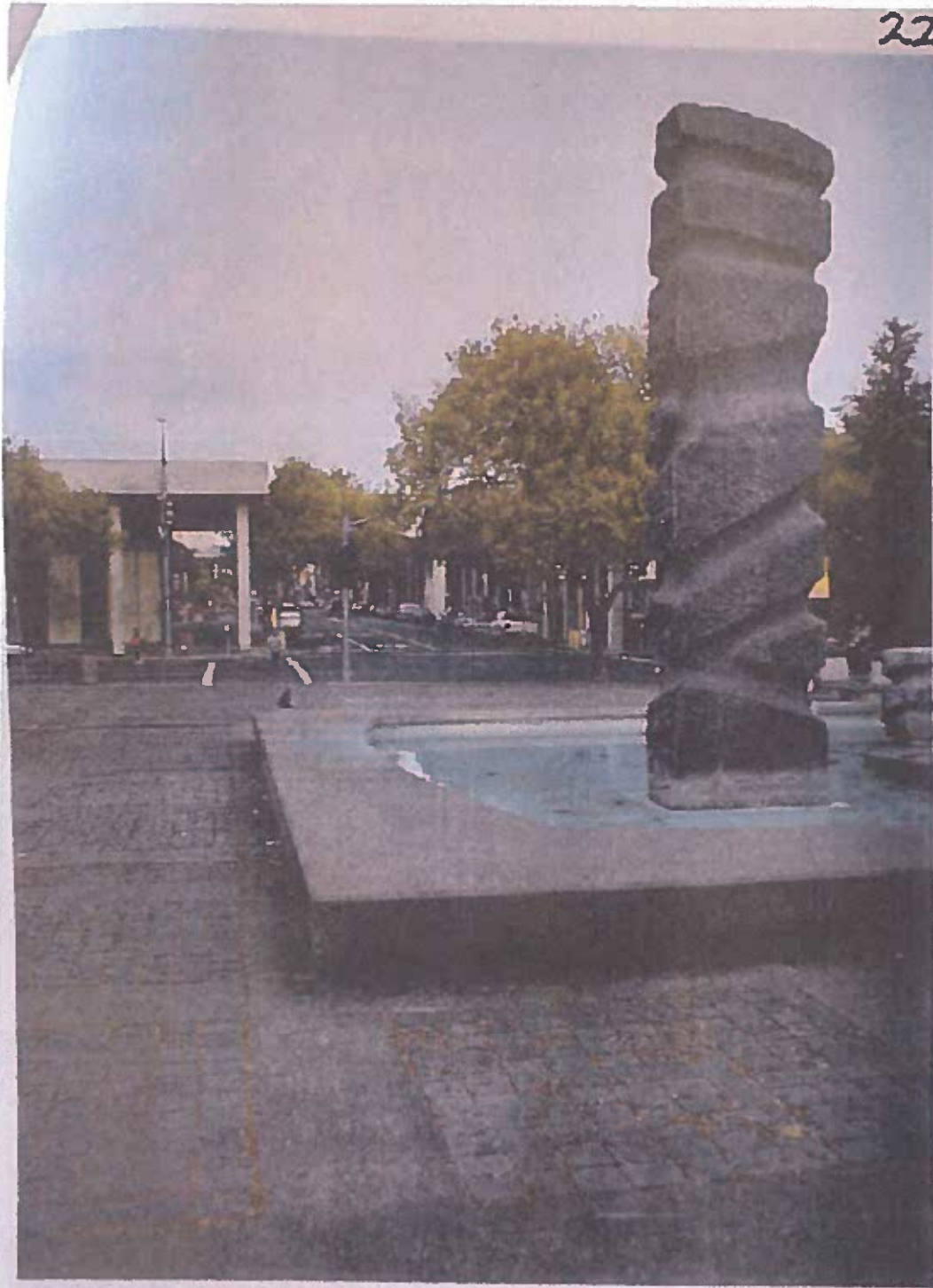


Exhibit 11: Photo - Plaza, View east with fountain and sculpture