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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. September 25, 2023

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor
Annalisa Quismorio
Sara Anders

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council Liaison Report

B. Commission Liaison Report

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. None

7. COMMUNITY FORUM

*The Community Forum is an opportunity to address the Commission on any matter for which another opportunity to speak is not provided on the agenda, and which is within the jurisdiction of the Commission to resolve. Any interested members of the public desiring to communicate with the Commission may do so in person by submitting a completed speaker's card to the Executive Secretary of the Commission or via ZOOM: (<https://ZoomRegular.Cityofvallejo.net>), option to join by phone: dial (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 the public comment, please visit, www.cityofvallejo.net/publiccomment. In person speakers will be recognized first. When called upon, each speaker should step to the podium, state his /her name for the record. The conduct of the community forum shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes, with each speaker limited to three minutes pursuant to Vallejo Municipal Code Section 2.20.300.*

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: By motion, approve the September 25, 2023 agenda.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the July 24, 2023 regular meeting.

10. 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

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Grant – Carmen Slack, Solano County Arts Council will provide an update on the NEA Our Town grant.

Recommendation: Receive update

B. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Staff will provide an update on highlighting artists in the Vallejo Weekly.

Recommendation: Information only.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and discuss items on the Future Agenda List

- A. Artists Registry
- B. Public Notice Display at Ferry Terminal
- C. Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy

12. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

13. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: October 23, 2023

14. 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., September 21, 2023.

Dated: Thursday, September 21, 2023

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. July 24, 2023

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
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Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor
Annalisa Quismorio
Sara Anders

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

Present: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Commissioners Stacey Loew, Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Sara Anders

Absent: Commissioner Ann Quismorio

4. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSION MEMBER**

Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Sara Anders. Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Anders gave remarks and the Commissioners introduced themselves and gave brief background.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Thanked Chair Hernandez and Commissioner Vidor for attending the City Council meeting to present the Commission's goal and work plan. The goals were approved by the City Council.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. None.

7. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Loew seconded to approve the July 24, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Quismorio absent.

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vidor moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the June 27, 2023 regular meeting. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Anders abstain, Commissioner Quismorio absent.

10. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Grant Ad Hoc Committee – National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Update – Carmen Slack, Executive Director, Solano County Arts Council

Carmen Slack provided an update on the NEA Our Town Grant process that the Solano County Arts Council (SCAC) is submitting an application; first step is to submit request to federal government Grants.gov; if accepted then sent to NEA for acceptance; SCAC's request was accepted; August 10th is the first day to apply. The Commission's Ad Hoc Committee will work with Carmen on application submission. Carmen responded to questions from the Commission regarding focus of the grant, amount of grant, matching funds. Staff will schedule a Zoom meeting with Carmen and Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Allen moved and Chair Hernandez seconded that in lieu of not having an August meeting, allow the Ad Hoc Committee to meet with Carmen to work on the NEA Our Town grant application. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Quismorio absent.

Commissioner Vidor provided an update on the Commission's NEA grant application; the first phase of the grant application requesting \$75,000 was received and validated by NEA; unfortunately, she was busy and missed the deadline for the second phase of the grant application; confused with date due. Staff reported that there may be an opportunity to ask for an extension, due August 22nd; will check and report back to Commissioners.

B. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that he submitted information on Jean Cherie. Has 6 or 7 names, looking for submissions from other Commissioners. Vice Chair gave an overview of the submission of articles to the Vallejo Weekly to Commissioner Anders.

Information only.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

Commissioner Allen asked the status of the Long Term Funding for the Arts and the Gift and Loan policies. Vice Chair Cook asked how the Council Liaison helps with getting the two policies agenized on a future City Council agenda. Staff will send an email to Councilmember Arriola with the Commission's request to have the draft Gift and Loan Policy placed on a future City Council agenda. Discussion followed regarding the draft Gift and Loan Policy and the draft Loan Term Funding for the Arts. Staff will ask Michael

Nimon, Economic Development Director, to attend a future meeting to discuss the proposed long term funding for the arts.

- Artist Registry – Commissioner Vidor suggested going back to the Registry. Chair Hernandez suggested waiting to discuss until all Commissioners are in attendance.
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy was discussed.

Information only.

12. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Loew announced that the Bay Area Stage Junior Theatre Workshop begins July 25th and there is room for more students.
- Commissioner Vidor announced that Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park production of Hamlet performing July 29th and 30th at Hanns Park, free show. The show travels to Benicia, Martinez, Oakland and Piedmont, then back to Vallejo at Vino Godfather's Winery August 18th and 19th.
- Commissioner Allen announced that the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is presenting, along with Askari Sowonde Productions, the reflective art of an indigenous people opening on August 5th reception, rolling out after August 1st.

13. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: September 25, 2023

14. ADJOURNMENT – 6:58 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez

Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON