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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. October 26, 2020

CHAIR
Dalia Vidor
COMMISSIONERS
Trevor Allen, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Ken Mullen
Paul Boneberg
Askari Sowonde
Andrea Hernandez

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Dalia Vidor, Chair, Trevor Allen, Vice Chair, Stacey Loew, Paul Boneberg, Andrea Hernandez, Askari Sowonde

Absent: Ken Mullen

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council Liaison Report – Reported that she has to log off early due to another commitment.

B. Commission Liaison Report – No report.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. None

6. COMMUNITY FORUM

Jeann McDougald provided information of the US Census and encouraged people to take the time to complete the form.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to approve the October 26, 2020 agenda. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to accept the minutes. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Art Grant Program

Commissioner Loew provided an update from the Ad-Hoc Committee including names of the community members who accepted to serve on the Selection Committee; Jean Cheri and Ofebia Laud-Darku; community members who declined were Sherry Tobin-Haney, Loba Yates, Kathy O'Hare, and Edgar-Arturo Camacho-Gonzalez. Commissioners discussed pushing back the due date to fund projects to December 31, 2021 to allow funding activities that occur during the Summer and Fall. There was a discussion if funding would be available past this fiscal year and for the Commission to pass a resolution to extend the availability to pay grants to December 31, 2021 and/or provide Vallejo Community Arts Foundation (VCAF) with the total amount of funds to distribute. It was recommended that Council Liaison Verder-Aliga make a request to the City Manager to have funds extended to December 31, 2021. Commissioner Sowonde provided the extended date for the applications to be submitted, November 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m., and new dates for the grant writing Zoom workshops besides the October 25, 2020 date, November 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. and November 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m. It was reported that 10 people attended the first workshop. Commissioners commented on the new posters created by Commissioner Sowonde and told where they have shared the posters. VCAF emailed the posters to those attended workshops last year. Other outlets were named to share posters as well as post a 11x17 posters in different locations and print in different languages. Jessica, community member, said she was unable to sign up; VCAF information was provided. Melody, community member, new Vallejo resident, submitted an application to join the Commission.

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the timeline, informational seminars, two community members who will serve on the Selection Committee with VCAF, requesting Council Liaison Verde-Aliga to speak with the City Manager, City Attorney, and Finance Director to extend the timeline for completion of projects to December 31, 2021. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

B. Discussion on Gift Policy

Chairperson Vidor opened the item for discussion. Staff did not receive any comments from Commissioners to include in agenda packet. Commissioner Boneberg recommended to remove having grantor pay for maintenance. After discussion, staff ask that Commissioners send comments to staff by second Monday in November to include in next month's agenda packet. Item to be carried over until next month.

C. Black Lives Matter Mural

Izzy Drumgoole made a presentation on the proposed Black Lives Matter (BLM) mural, stating that black lives do matter in this community. The project is a volunteer project that is open to everyone in the community, want everyone to join in with ideas and to assist painting the project; said that the 16 different letters may tell a different story and encourage all cultures, youth and seniors to express their thoughts throughout the design; deadline to send designs is November 20, 2020. Commissioners asked what was expected of the Commissioner since the City Council approved the project and was told that the project was before them to approve the concept of the mural. Commissioner Sowonde provided the estimated

cost for the project and discussed what type of paint would be used. Also mentioned that she received a lot of positive feedback from community.

Commissioner Boneberg moved and Chair Vidor seconded to accept the concept as presented. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

Chair Vidor stated that the City only wants to look at actionable items at this time. Items discussed were inventory of city-owned art, view art in storage, removal of Genius and place back in storage, art of peace update, review art pieces once the gift policy is approved. To obtain an inventory of city-owned art, Chair Vidor will create a spreadsheet that Commissioners may provide input, she will input the list that Doug Darling created. Also to review Sister City art and art that is the museum and find out who owns it and public art.

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: November 23, 2020

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Dalia Vidor



DALIA VIDOR, CHAIR

Annette Taylor



ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON