



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. February 22, 2021

CHAIR
Dalia Vidor
COMMISSIONERS
Trevor Allen, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Ken Mullen
Kathy Cook
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, Kathy Cook, Askari Sowonde, Andrea Hernandez, Stacey Loew (6:48 pm)

Absent: Ken Mullen

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council Liaison Report – City Council goal setting dates are tentative, March 24th and 25th tentative for City Council team building; will provide Commission of other dates

B. Commission Liaison Report – Sent email to Commissioners asking to update contact information; request from City Clerk's Office

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Shelee Loughmiller, Community & Volunteer Coordinator – Anti-Litter Yard Sign Contest – Ms. Loughmiller reported that the city is not doing an Earth Day program this year due to COVID, just launched the Adopt-a-Block program, present to Commission to run a yard sign contest to promote civic pride with an anti-litter messaging, input from artists to get the word out on April 24th, Earth Day, signs made of recycled materials, partner with the Beautification Commission to get the word out. Ms. Loughmiller will connect Chairperson Vidor with the Chair of the Beautification Commission.

6. COMMUNITY FORUM
None

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Sowonde seconded to approve the February 22, 2021 agenda. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioner Loew and Mullen absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cook moved and Commissioner Sowonde seconded to accept the minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioners Loew and Mullen absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Inventory of City-Owned Art

A letter was drafted to send to Sister City, museums, McCune Collection, and other organizations who may have city-owned art. Discussion on what is public-own art and how to marry public-own art on private buildings; murals on buildings, identifying places where art has been taken down or altered, honoring art and artist.

Information only

B. Letter of Support for the North Bay Venue Coalition

Commissioner Cook read the proposed draft letter that was modeled after other letters from the North Bay Venue Coalition and the National Independent Venue Association relying on their statistics. Shared information on the February 2021 San Francisco Office of Economic & Workforce Development numbers for the nine Bay Area counties in the live event industries. Discussed who the letter would be sent to, on what letterhead and who signs the letter.

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to approve the draft letter and send to various local, State and Federal representatives. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioners Loew and Mullen absent.

C. Art Grant Program Update

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, reported that all organizations were noticed and received contracts with almost all of them returned; four have submitted invoices, two asked for extension due to uncertainty because of COVID restrictions. City agreed to role-over funds until next fiscal year to cover grants. Ms. Conlin also reported that one organization, Vallejo Choral Society, wants to change their programs, asked for them to resubmit, and another organization Vallejo Symphony, changed their event that was put on in December; have not submitted invoice yet. Discussion followed.

Information only.

D. Draft Loan Policy

Chair Vidor recommends an Ad-Hoc Committee be established to draft a Loan Policy. Question if the proposed Loan Policy can be an addendum to the Draft Gift Policy. What would be the process. Check with City Attorney's Office if policy already exists. If not, should a loan policy be an addendum to the gift policy or a stand-alone policy. Table to next meeting.

E. Solano County Arts Council

Vice Chair Allen reported that the Solano County Arts Council (SCAC) has been active in Vallejo, suggest the Commission reach out to SCAC to make a presentation or have the City establish a relationship for fundraising. Would like to formalize the relationship. First step, go to the County level, then to State level to augment what the City is giving.

Vice Chair Allen will contact SCAC requesting they make a presentation to the Commission.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

Reviewed the Future Agenda items. Commissioner Sowonde suggest that Izzy Drumgoole be added to the list to make a presentation to the Commission regarding 1405 Georgia Street. Discussion regarding identifying other areas in the City to recognize as places to hold events.

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: March 22, 2021

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:46 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Dalia Vidor



DALIA VIDOR, CHAIR

Annette Taylor



ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON