



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. May 24, 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, Stacey Loew, Kathy Cook, Askari Sowonde,

Absent: Andrea Hernandez, Ken Mullen

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Reported that Chief Assistant City Attorney Randy Risner is preparing the draft art policy; change in agenda, Jim Gardia not presenting this month, ask to present next month.
- C. Announcements from Commissioners
 - a. Commissioner Loew reported that Children's Network is on Calendar slated to begin on August 8th; Cat on a Hot Tin Roof in October, Neil Simon Chapter 2 in February
 - b. Commissioner Cook reported that the Black Box Radio All Stars doing a presentation of Pulp Fiction, a live read, on June 11th, 12th and 13th, following COVID protocols; working on a Gay Pride event for June
 - c. Commissioner Sowonde reported that on September 11th the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum will be holding its fundraiser, Cotton Club Comes to Vallejo, big band performing, inside and outside event

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mark Lampkin – CAC Grant Recipient – SheRoes – Visual Art – Thanked the Commissioner for the grant, his fourth year of doing SheRoes, second year selected by the Commission; project launched to showcase things done by amazing women in

the City of Vallejo, done in the month of March; videos highlighted Tina Arriola, MaryAnn Buggs, DeDe Scrivner-Bosuego, and Pat Hunter; videos find things out about honorees that aren't usually shared; successful endeavor based on number of positive comments and feedback on social media platforms; shared as legacies to commitment to the community; can find on You Tube and LinkedIn

B. Jim Gardia – CAC Grant Recipient – Vallejo Symphony Orchestra – Performing Arts – Reschedule to next month

C. Adjoa McDonald – Vallejo Project – Reschedule to next month

6. COMMUNITY FORUM

None

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Loew moved and Commissioner Allen seconded to approve the May 24, 2021 agenda. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioners Mullen and Hernandez absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vidor moved and Commissioner Sowonde seconded to accept the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting. Approved unanimously, 5-0 with Commissioners Mullen and Hernandez absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Art Grant Program Update

Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, reported on what had been awarded to date and the remaining about to disburse: Solano County Links has not submitted an invoice, Bay Area Stage Company submitted first invoice, El Comalito Collective submitted first invoice, Filipino Community of Solano submitted first invoice, Filipino National Historical Society submitted first invoice, KidsNFilm submitted first invoice, Olivia Fabrizio has not submitted an invoice, SheRoes submitted first invoice, AIDS Coalition has not submitted an invoice, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation has not submitted an invoice, Choral Society is revising first invoice, Shakespeare in the Park submitted first invoice, Vallejo Symphony submitted first invoice, Teaching Artists has not submitted an invoice, Naval Museum submitted first invoice, remaining amount to disburse is \$61,281.00.

Information only.

B. Commission on Culture & Arts Grant Recipients

Commissioners reviewed and made suggestions to Commissioner Sowonde's draft of the CAC Grant Recipient poster. Commissioner Sowonde will make the changes and bring back for review next month.

Information only.

C. Research Areas of Vallejo to Display Art and/or Hold Events

Commissioners discussed identifying areas throughout the city to hold events and funding for these events. Considered existing venues and partnering with Greater Vallejo Recreation District and others; suggested identifying places within the six City Council districts and work with the neighborhoods. Chair Vidor has an Excel spreadsheet that she started listing venues within the city, Gretchen Zimmerman also has listings that the Commission may use; suggested poster boards be placed throughout the city to post upcoming events. Continue discussion to next month.

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D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Allen suggested Commission forge partnerships with the City and funders and other organizations that allows Commission to raise funds; work with Solano Arts Council and California Arts Council to get funding; discussed an annual allocation of funds for the arts from the City, Commissioners write grants and solicit funding from organizations. An Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of Chair Vidor, Vice Chair Allen and Commissioner Cook was established. Continue to next month.

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10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

Chair Vidor asked when the Commissioners may view the art in storage on Mare Island; Commissioner Cook inquired about the Commission's retreat and goal setting; Waterfront Park; in-person Commission meeting date

11. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 28, 2021

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:28 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Dalia Vidor



DALIA VIDOR, CHAIR

Annette Taylor



ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON