



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. July 26, 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, Vice Chair Trevor Allen, Stacey Loew, Kathy Cook, Askari Sowonde, Andrea Hernandez

Absent: Ken Mullen

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report. Responded to questions regarding upcoming budget and ARPA funds and suggested Commission write a letter requesting funds.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Update on grant policies being worked on by City Attorney's Office and request from Commission to have photos on city's webpage is being researched.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Mel Orphilla – CAC Grant Recipient – Filipino Community of Solano County – Cultural Events and Activities – Thanked the Commission for approving the funding for Pista Sa Nasyon; didn't host event last year due to COVID and wanted to keep momentum going this year, the 34th year celebrating Filipino independence, hope to go back to regular venue on the waterfront next year. Provided a historical background. This year was a hybrid, some events live and others online social media sites. Recognized the committee who put the event together within six weeks. Event consisted of approximately 22 food vendors, pop-up festival, most variety of foods for a festival; listed vendors and named entertainment; recognized dignitaries who attended and sponsors; about 2,000 people attended in person, held at the Filipino Cultural Center on Amador.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Cooke seconded to approve the July 26, 2021 agenda. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hernandez moved and Commissioner Sowonde seconded to accept the minutes from the June 28, 2021 meeting. Approved unanimously, 6-0 with Commissioner Mullen absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Art Grant Program Update

Staff reported that Renay Conlin, Vallejo Community Arts Foundation (VCAF), shared that VCAF was not able to hold summer camp due to low enrollment and will be asking the Commission to allow VCAF to redesign their project. Commissioner Loew reported that Bay Area Stage workshops only had five children enroll versus the ten children; may redesign the workshops and bring before the Commission. Discussion followed that people need to pivot during this time. Renay Conlin reported that VCAF had free educational workshops the previous Saturday and Sunday and will offer the workshops at least two more weekends. Projects completed are SheRoes, KidsNFilm, Vallejo Symphony Orchestra, and Pista Sa Nayon; all others have received first payment except Mario Saucedo (Solano AIDS Foundation) and Olivia Fabrizio who haven't submitted anything to date.

Information only.

B. Commission on Culture & Arts Grant Recipients

Chair Vidor asked Commissioner Sowonde to send raw/original pictures to allow her to put in the links.

Information only.

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

Commissioner Loew reported that she emailed Elegant Events, hasn't gotten a response. Chair Vidor reported she needs to get the Visit Vallejo data base to Commissioner Loew.

Information only.

D. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Chair Vidor reported that the Ad-Hoc committee wasn't able to meet due to busy schedules. Vice Chair Allen reported he's looking at a number of grants, right time

for grant cycle; NEA grant is still a possibility as a joint application with Carmen Slack, Solano Arts Council; request Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with Carmen and asked if city had a grant writer who may be able to assist. Ad-Hoc Committee to draft grant application.

Information only.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Art in storage on Mare Island – on hold
- Artist directory – table
- Retreat and goal setting – Waiting for report to be presented to City Council; discussion followed
- Waterfront Park

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Sowonde – August 7th, One Love Festival on Mare Island; September 11th, Cotton Club Comes to Vallejo, Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum event, looking for volunteers
- Vice Chair Allen – Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum 2nd Annual Book Festival, August 28th, 10 am to 4 pm
- Commissioner Cook, Center for Volunteer and Non Profit Leadership program
- Commissioner Hernandez – Had a successful Pista sa Nasyon, forward link
- Chair Vidor – Shakespeare in the Park, July 31st in Martinez and August 1st in Oakland, evening shows at Children's Wonderland on August 6th and 7th, 7 pm

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: September 27, 2021

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:29 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Dalia Vidor



DALIA VIDOR, CHAIR

Annette Taylor



ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON