



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. January 23, 2023

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Trevor Allen
Askari Sowonde
Dalia Vidor
Rochelle Del Rosario

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Andrea Hernandez, Chair, Vice Chair Kathy Cook, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Stacey Loew (arrived 6:05), Dalia Vidor

Absent: Commissioners Askari Sowonde and Rochelle Del Rosario

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Welcomed Councilmember Arriola as the new City Council liaison; busy year this year with items proposed by the Commission; updates

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. None.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the January 23, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 4-0, Commissioners Loew, Sowonde and Del Rosario absent.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vidor moved and Commissioner Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the November 16, 2022 special meeting. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Sowonde and Del Rosario absent.

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. California Arts Council State-Designated Cultural District

Emi Theriault, Economic Development Program Manager, provided an overview of the California Arts Council (CAC) State-Designated Cultural District and how the City of Emeryville was successful in obtaining a district designation. Responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Information only.

B. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Carmen Slack provided a final update on the ARPA funding for the arts/culture nonprofits; 11 groups total applied, all qualified and were funded; by end of month all will receive their checks.

Information only.

C. Grant Ad Hoc Committee

Vice Chair Cook and the Ad-Hoc Committee reported on the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Art Challenge Grant. The grant is up to \$1 million dollars and Ad-Hoc Committee thought it would be a good opportunity to submit for a citywide public/private collaboration to take art and civic-mindedness throughout the six City Council districts. Explained the criteria for the grant; timeline is February 15, 2023; finalists chosen in the Spring and winners are announced in Fall 2023; project installation grant timeline must occur between 2023 and 2025. Ad-Hoc Committee came up with two concepts with youth; poetry (spoken word) and a mural component for the visual arts; partner with different organizations.

By consensus the Commissioners recommended the Ad-Hoc Committee to continue to pursue the Bloomberg grant.

D. Goals

Commissioners reviewed the list of goals identified at the November special meeting. After discussion, staff ask the Commissioners to combine the goals into categories and email the list of goals their recommended categories to staff before next meeting.

Continue to next meeting.

E. Artists Registry

Commissioner Loew gave an update on their efforts; having difficulties obtaining information from the artists. Discussed what the Commission's efforts versus what is already in place.

Continue to next meeting.

F. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Vice Chair Cook provided an update; submitting two per month versus weekly; ask the Commissioners who have submitted an artist to contact artists and get the submissions going. Will provide list of artists already highlighted.

Information only.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Vallejo Teaching Artists – Youth Public Works project – agenized for February meeting
- Waterfront Park – Councilmember Arriola reported that the City signed an agreement with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation; described proposed project; no date to break ground
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy -

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

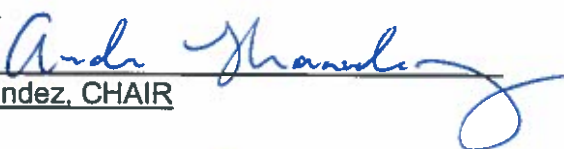
- Vice Chair Cook provided an update on the Hewlett Foundation for the Vallejo Arts Fund; \$500,000; hiring six positions, accepting applications until January 27, 2023; five categories; for more information on grants follow on Instagram at vallejoartsfunds
- Commissioner Allen announced Art Open Studios November 12th and 13th, reception at Naval and Historical Museum, display up for the next month

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: February 27, 2023

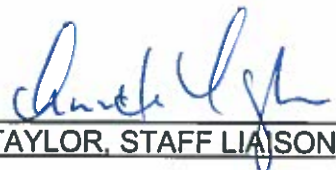
13. ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON