



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. April 24, 2023

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Stacey Loew
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor
Annalisa Quismorio
Vacant

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Andrea Hernandez, Chair, Vice Chair Kat Cook, Commissioners Stacey Loew, Trevor Allen (arrived 6:18 pm), Dalia Vidor, Annalisa Quismorio

4. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSION MEMBER**

Councilmember Arriola administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Annalisa Quismorio. Following Oath of Office, Commissioner Quismorio gave remarks and the Commissioners introduced themselves and gave brief background.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Commissioner Sowonde resigned from the Commission; City Clerk will post for vacancy.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. None.

7. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Vidor moved and Commissioner Loew seconded to approve the April 24, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Allen absent.

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Cook moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the March 27, 2023 regular meeting with corrections to Item 9C. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Allen absent.

10. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Grant Ad Hoc Committee

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Grant - Commissioner Vidor provided comments on the application process, which starts on July 6th but opens on July 11th when applications are sent in; one-one matching grant. Vice Chair commented that the City is eligible to provide the matching grant funds, and other requirements for the grant application. Discussion followed including the amount of the grant the City should pursue. Vice Chair Cook proposed that the grant application be for \$75,000 with a matching grant from the City for \$75,000, including staffing hours. Who should be the applicant will be discussed later. Vice Chair Cook, Commissioners Vidor and Loew volunteered to serve on the NEA Grant Ad Hoc Committee.

Chair Hernandez moved and Commissioner Allen seconded to have Vice Chair Cook and Commissioners Vidor and Loew serve on the NEA Grant Ad Hoc Committee. Approved unanimously 6-0.

B. Goals and Work Plan 2023

Staff handed out a working draft PPT for the Commissioners to review and discuss and reported that Chair Hernandez is working on the narrative with Commissioner Vidor; presentation to the City Council sometime in June. Chair Hernandez highlighted the PPT slides, more information to be added. Vice Chair Cook suggested the Bloomberg grant be added.

Information only.

C. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Staff reported that Commissioner Sowonde volunteered to be the one receiving articles for the Vallejo Weekly. Since she resigned, another Commissioner is asked to take on this task. Commissioner Allen volunteered.

Information only.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy
- Artist Registry

Information only.

12. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Vidor reported that Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park is currently holding auditions and invites community members who want to participate in this year's production of Hamlet to submit an audition video to vallejoshakesauditions.com; deadline April 30th.

- Commissioner Allen reported that the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is holding its annual Vallejo Garden Tour fundraiser on May 21st from 10 am to 4 pm; showing 9 gardens located throughout the city; early bird tickets are available.
- Commissioner Loew reported that the Bay Area Stage Productions is teaming up with the Vallejo Veterans Hall on Sunday, July 2nd at 3 pm to put on a patriotic-themed music showcase. Local talent will sing a variety of patriot songs from standards to Phil Vassar's "American Child" and John Mellencamp's "Pink Houses". Visit www.bayareastage.org or call 707-649-1053 for more information. Commissioner Loew also reported that casting is currently taking place for "On Golden Pond", slated to open July 21st and close on August 7th; rehearsals are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm with tech week from July 14th to 20th; all roles are available; rehearsals and performances will take place at the BAS Theatre, 515 Broadway Street, Vallejo. Contact Director Jeff Lowe, 707-561-1960 for more information.

13. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** May 22, 2023

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:08 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON