



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. May 22, 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: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Vice Chair Kat Cook, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Annalisa Quismorio

Absent: Commissioner Stacey Loew

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
 - B. Commission Liaison Report – Reported that tentatively the Commission's goals presentation is scheduled for June 27, 2023; sent a memo to Michael Nimon, Economic Development Director, to forward to the City Manager's Office, requesting \$75,000 matching funds for the NEA grant.
6. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. None.
7. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.
8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the May 22, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Loew absent.
9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Cook moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2023 regular meeting. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Loew absent.
10. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. Grant Ad Hoc Committee

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Grant - Commissioner Cook provided information regarding a form that be submitted prior to submitting the formal application; submit between May 15th and July 6th; suggest Ad Hoc Committee work with City to complete form, have it ready for next Commission meeting. More in-depth next steps, budgets, proof of capacity to subgrant, timelines, are due between July 11th and July 18th ; grant notification made on April 2024. Two ways to go—directly from the City or subgranting to nonprofit art organizations or local artists; reimbursement grant; matching funds should be available upfront; will need a SAM dot.gov UEI number; subgranting requires additional reporting requirements, may bring on an administrator to subgrant; next application window is February 2024.

Information only.

B. National League of Cities Webinar – Design Justice Toolkit: Addressing Community Needs Through the Arts

Staff reported that she, Commissioners Vidor and Quismorio attended the webinar; one line summary of the webinar was implanting art into the Planning decisions and process. Commissioner Vidor agreed the webinar was about infusing art and culture into the entire planning of the city, using art and culture to connect with people, utilizing spaces, creating trust, different programming, investments in the community, creativity and to authentically engage with the community. Commissioner Quismorio reported that the webinar was what her vision is for the Commission, want art to be a tool to represent the different cultures, ethnicities, and demographics weaved into one brand of the city; including all stakeholders; more collective vision, inclusive and promote pride of place. Discussion followed to share the webinar link with the Director of Planning; keep on the Future's List to discuss later when the Downtown and Waterfront specific plans are brought forward.

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C. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that Jean Cherie is the next submittal and asked that Commissioners send him any submittals they have. Commissioner Vidor said she would do an article on the Goodeaus.

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11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

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

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12. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Chair Hernandez reported on the Pista Sa Nayon Festival, June 3, 2023, 11 am to 6 pm, Mare Island Coal Sheds, 850 Nimitz Avenue; limited parking, free ferry service
- Allen reported the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum will be doing Pride Month, Pride at the Museum on June 10th, speakers series, party in the evening
- Vice Chair Cook reported June 3rd Community Pride: Celebrating Vallejo's Diversity at the Mira Theatre Guild, 3 pm to 7 pm, featuring a variety of performers throughout the day
- Commissioner Vidor reported June is a big month for festivals, Juneteenth, 2nd Friday art walk, Children's Wonderland Food Truck Night

13. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE:** June 26, 2023

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – 6:41 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON