



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. June 26, 2023

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Commissioners Stacey Loew (6:08 pm) Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor

Absent: Commissioners Kat Cook and Ann Quismorio

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Arriola reported that the City Council is conducting interviews for the Commission on Culture & the Arts vacancy
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Reported that the city's Bloomberg grant application was not selected; goals presentation tentatively scheduled for July 11th

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Nicole Jules, Principal Engineer, Interwest Consulting Group, made a presentation on the Lake Dalwigk Park Improvement Project. The City was awarded a \$4.7 million Clean California Local Grant by the State of California for the project, which will beautify Lake Dalwigk Park and enhance community connections from the surrounding neighborhoods into the park. The project stakeholders include the City of Vallejo Public Works Department, Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD), and the Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District (VFWD) and the community. The project will include art pieces on GVRD's property. The presentation to the Commission to assist in informing the art community of the upcoming project. Ms. Jules responded to Commissioners' questions. GVRD will approve the artists; a copy of RFP will be sent to city staff to share with Commissioners.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the June 26, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 4-0, Commissioners Cook and Quismorio absent.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vidor moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the May 22, 2023 regular meeting. Approved unanimously 4-0, Commissioners Cook and Quismorio absent.

9. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Grant Ad Hoc Committee – (a) National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Grant Application (b) Collaboration with Solano County Arts Council (SCAC) – NEA Our Town NEA Grant Application

(a) Commissioner Vidor reported that they are reutilizing the Commission's past RFP for the arts grant and apply to the NEA grant for \$75,000 with a \$75,000 match from the City, monetary and staff time. Need to know when an application can be opened; check with Sidney Wilson. Use same RFP to search for administrators. Staff will contact Sidney and Ad Hoc Committee members to schedule a meeting. (b) Staff reported that Carmen Slack plans to submit an application for the NEA Our Town Grant and would like for the Commission to collaborate.

Chair Hernandez moved and Commissioner Allen moved to have the Commission collaborate with Carmen Slack, SCAC. More discussion at July's meeting. Approved unanimously 4-0, Commissioners Cook and Quismorio absent.

B. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that he is open to new names and for Commissioners to send a list of three names to him.

Information only.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Artist Registry – Commissioner Vidor suggested going back to the Registry. Chair Hernandez suggested to wait until the new Commissioner is appointed.
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy

Information only.

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Vidor request ARPA grant recipients be added to the city's website. Staff reported the list exists; need to be formatted on a poster. Commissioner Vidor will provide the poster with the ARPA grant recipients to staff.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: July 24, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT – 6:41 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON