



City Council Chambers
Vallejo City Hall
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. September 25, 2023

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

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

Present: Commissioners Stacey Loew (6:05 pm), Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Anna Quismorio, Sara Anders

Absent: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Vice Chair Kat Cook

4. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Arriola reported that Randy Risner will attend next month's meeting and provide an update on the draft Gift and Loan Policy.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Corrections to agenda and minutes.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. None.

6. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

7. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the September 25, 2023, agenda. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioners Hernandez and Cook absent.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Loew moved and Commissioner Allen seconded to accept the minutes from the July 24, 2023, regular meeting. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioners Hernandez and Cook absent.

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. Grant Ad Hoc Committee – National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Update – Carmen Slack, Executive Director, Solano County Arts Council

Carmen Slack reported that she submitted the Our Town grant application before the deadline and received verification that the application was received; April 2024 is the earliest grant recipients will be notified; grant is a rotating art exhibit of local artists at La Clinica and the completion of the Genius Girl sculpture. Ms. Slack responded to questions from the Commissioners.

B. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that he submitted information on d. l. lang, former poet laureate; request Commissioners to send him their submissions.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Artist Registry – Waiting to discuss when all Commissioners are in attendance.
- Public Notice Display at Ferry Terminal – Place on October agenda.
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy – Waiting to discuss when all Commissioners are in attendance.

11. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Loew announced that the Bay Area Stage (BAS) has cast the younger actor role in David Mamet's 2-man play for February – Life in the Theatre; on September 30th BAS presents the music of the Redro-Delics.
- Commissioner Vidor announced that Waterfront Weekend is October 7th and 8th with many activities on both sides of the strait
- Commissioner Allen announced that for Hispanic Heritage Month, an exhibit, "Our Ancestral Roots", at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, curated by Marisela Barbosa and Mario Saucedo
- Commissioner Anders announced that Youth Speaks was selected to administer the California Arts Council's Individual Artist Fellowship Program, which will regrant \$740,000 among 35 California-based individual artists and culture bearers; grant awards between \$5,000 to \$50,000; closes September 30th.
- Councilmember Arriola announced that on October 7th, hosting Afro-Cuban Salsa event in South Vallejo at the Norman King Center Park

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: October 23, 2023

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:01 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez

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Annette Taylor

ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON

