



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

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

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

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

Present: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Vice Chair Kat Cook, Commissioners Stacey Loew, Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Sara Anders

Absent: Commissioner Ann Quismorio

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

Dawn Abrahamson, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Sara Anders. Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Anders gave remarks and the Commissioners introduced themselves and gave brief background.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – No report
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Thanked Chair Hernandez and Commissioner Vidor for attending the City Council meeting to present the Commission's goal and work plan. The goals were approved by the City Council.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. None.

7. **COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

8. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Loew seconded to approve the July 24, 2023 agenda. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Quismorio absent.

9. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Vidor moved and Chair Hernandez seconded to accept the minutes from the June 27, 2023 regular meeting. Approved unanimously 5-0, Commissioner Anders abstain, Commissioner Quismorio absent.

10. 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 provided an update on the NEA Our Town Grant process that the Solano County Arts Council (SCAC) is submitting an application; first step is to submit request to federal government Grants.gov; if accepted then sent to NEA for acceptance; SCAC's request was accepted; August 10th is the first day to apply. The Commission's Ad Hoc Committee will work with Carmen on application submission. Carmen responded to questions from the Commission regarding focus of the grant, amount of grant, matching funds. Staff will schedule a Zoom meeting with Carmen and Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Allen moved and Chair Hernandez seconded that in lieu of not having an August meeting, allow the Ad Hoc Committee to meet with Carmen to work on the NEA Our Town grant application. Approved unanimously 6-0, Commissioner Quismorio absent.

Commissioner Vidor provided an update on the Commission's NEA grant application; the first phase of the grant application requesting \$75,000 was received and validated by NEA; unfortunately, she was busy and missed the deadline for the second phase of the grant application; confused with date due. Staff reported that there may be an opportunity to ask for an extension, due August 22nd; will check and report back to Commissioners.

B. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that he submitted information on Jean Cherie. Has 6 or 7 names, looking for submissions from other Commissioners. Vice Chair gave an overview of the submission of articles to the Vallejo Weekly to Commissioner Anders.

Information only.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

Commissioner Allen asked the status of the Long Term Funding for the Arts and the Gift and Loan policies. Vice Chair Cook asked how the Council Liaison helps with getting the two policies agenized on a future City Council agenda. Staff will send an email to Councilmember Arriola with the Commission's request to have the draft Gift and Loan Policy placed on a future City Council agenda. Discussion followed regarding the draft Gift and Loan Policy and the draft Loan Term Funding for the Arts. Staff will ask Michael

Nimon, Economic Development Director, to attend a future meeting to discuss the proposed long term funding for the arts.

- Artist Registry – Commissioner Vidor suggested going back to the Registry. Chair Hernandez suggested waiting to discuss until all Commissioners are in attendance.
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy was discussed.

Information only.

12. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

- Commissioner Loew announced that the Bay Area Stage Junior Theatre Workshop begins July 25th and there is room for more students.
- Commissioner Vidor announced that Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park production of Hamlet performing July 29th and 30th at Hanns Park, free show. The show travels to Benicia, Martinez, Oakland and Piedmont, then back to Vallejo at Vino Godfather's Winery August 18th and 19th.
- Commissioner Allen announced that the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum is presenting, along with Askari Sowonde Productions, the reflective art of an indigenous people opening on August 5th reception, rolling out after August 1st.

13. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: September 25, 2023

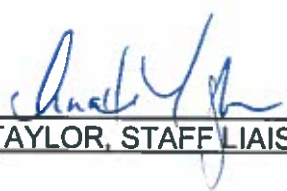
14. ADJOURNMENT – 6:58 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON