



City Council Chambers
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MINUTES

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. February 26, 2024

CHAIR
Andrea Hernandez
COMMISSIONERS
Kathy Cook, Vice Chair
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor
Annalisa Quismorio
Margaret Miller
Daniel Weiss

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

Present: Vice Chair Kat Cook, Commissioners Trevor Allen, Dalia Vidor, Daniel Weiss, Margaret Miller (arrived at 6:34 pm) was not given the Oath of Office, allowed to introduce herself.

Absent: Chair Andrea Hernandez, Commissioners Annalisa Quismorio

- 4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Councilmember Arriola administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Daniel Weiss. Commissioner Weiss gave reports and the Commissioners introduced themselves and gave brief background.

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Arriola reported that she attended the closing day of the Black History Month Celebration events at the Naval and Historical Museum and there will be upcoming exhibits on the Jewish community history celebration in Solano County.
- B. Commission Liaison Report – Staff provided an update on the relocation/location of the announcement display board.

- 6. PRESENTATIONS**

A. None.

- 7. COMMUNITY FORUM**

None.

- 8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Allen moved and Commissioner Vidor seconded to approve the February 26, 2024, agenda. Approved unanimously 4-0, Chair Hernandez, Commissioners Quismorio, Miller absent.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Vidor moved, and Vice Chair Cook seconded to accept the minutes from the January 22, 2024, regular meeting. Approved unanimously 4-0, Chair Hernandez, Commissioners Quismorio, Miller absent.

10. ACTION CALENDAR

A. Grants Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner Vidor reported that she and Vice Chair Cook is working the NEA Grant for \$75,000 with \$75,000 matching funds from the City, and possible donation from Mare Island Co. The grant is a regranting grant, \$110,000 distribution to Vallejo artists and cultural makers. NEA grant approval in December, RFP distributed to community, applications due in January, distribution of funds in March, grantees have until December 2025 to complete projects.

Commissioner Allen stated he would like to go back to give out grants from the city's General Fund. Staff reported she would email Council liaison Arriola, City Manager, and Finance Director requesting General Funds dollars, if possible, or ARPA dollars, if possible, be allocated to the Commission in the amount of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Vice Chair Cook reported that the match from the city is \$50,000 in funds and the remainder is in-kind amount of staff time. Grants go to individual artists, grants amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Commissioners received the update, no questions.

B. Highlighting Artists in the Vallejo Weekly

Commissioner Allen reported that he submitted highlights on the two co-Poet Laureates. Requested submittals by the Commissioners to highlight artists. Vice Chair Cook reminded Commissioners they can submit more than one artist at a time to have a pipeline.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review and Discuss Items on the Future Agenda List

- Artist Registry – Discussion. Keep on until there is a full Commission.
- Long-term citywide arts and culture strategy – Keep on until there is a full Commission.
- Inventory/Storage Policy of Artwork - Keep on until there is a full Commission.
- Long Term Funding for the Arts – added by Commissioner Vidor

12. Announcements and Comments by Commissioners

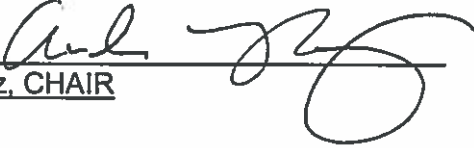
None

13. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: March 25, 2024

14. ADJOURNMENT – 6:42 p.m.

ATTESTED:

Andrea Hernandez


Andrea Hernandez, CHAIR

Annette Taylor


ANNETTE TAYLOR, STAFF LIAISON