

Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2023

## **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Charlie McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm with a land acknowledgment.

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Charlie McCollum, Smita Garg Anthony Cordova, Karen Adamski, Shelby Taketa, and Steven Martinez

**ABSENT:** Lynne Rosenthal (excused absence), Alexander Nguyen (excused absence), and Jonathan Borca, and Janett Peace.

**STAFF:** Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Danielle Siembieda, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Arts Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao, Community Relations Coordinator Diego Martinez (D3), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

## **II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 21, 2023.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, seconded by Commissioner Cordiva, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 21, 2023, were approved. (4-2-4). (Commissioners Rosenthal, Nguyen, Borca, and Peace were absent.). (Commissioners Garg and Martinez abstained).

Paul Soto, a member of the Horseshoe Neighborhood, made comments regarding to the Breeze of Innovation structure. He believes that the structure was not properly vetted and that it will not be accessible to everyone since it will be placed in a public park.

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

## **III. Reports and Information Only**

A. Council Liaison Report

Community Relations Diego Martinez (D3) provided a report on behalf of Councilmember Torres. He reported on Councilmember's attendance to multiple events that took San Jose such as Lower Rider Day, Chopsticks Alley Art 5<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary celebration, Mexican Independence celebration at City Hall, and Cultura at the Park.

- B. Presentation: The Tabard Theatre  
Executive Artistic Director Jonathan Rhys Williams presented with a verbal report. He was available for questions the comments from the Commission.
- C. Chair's Report  
Chair Charlie McCollum introduced the newly appointed Steven Martinez (D3). Commissioner Martinez provided a brief introduction. Chair Charlie McCollum provided a brief update on the Arts and Tourism Funding Advisory Committee. He also announced upcoming events that were taking place in the Fall.
- D. Director's Report  
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the OCA monthly report. She announced the Cornerstone of the Arts will take place on Thursday, October 19 at the Hammer Theatre Center. The 2023 CODA summit conference will take place on October 4-6 at the Hammer Theatre. On November 3, 2023 OCA and SVC creates will present the Arts and Economic Prosperity report. The convening will take place at City Hall. The last CityDance of the season will take place on September 21 at the Circle of Palms. The applications for the Creative License Ambassadors are now open. Deadline to submit an application is on October 6.

#### IV. Business

- A. Update: Breeze of Innovation  
Urban Confluence of Silicon Valley Executive Director Steve Borkenhagen presented with a PowerPoint presentation. He was available for questions on comments from the Commission.
- B. Report: Art and Tourism Funding  
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a report with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.
- C. Recommend that the City Manager authorize the panel's recommendations for the Creative Fund Awards.

Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera provided a PowerPoint presentation from the memo. He was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Garg, seconded by Commissioner Cordova, the recommendation for the City Manager authorize the panel's recommendations for the Creative Fund Awards (6-0-4). (Commissioners Rosenthal, Nguyen, Borca, and Peace were absent.).

Commission discussion ensued.

- D. Standing Report
1. Executive Committee  
Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal was not present to provide a report.

2. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Janett Peace was not present to provide a report. Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers announced upcoming dedications. She also announced that there a call for submissions for the Interior Artwork for the Office of Emergency Management / Fire Department Training Center. Deadline for submissions is October 18.

3. Commission Liaison report

Commissioner Garg reported the Region V California Superintendents' Arts Initiative is hosting a Proposition 28 Convening in Santa Cruz on October 7 at 11:00. Commissioner Cordova reported on his first meet and greet with Team San Jose.

4. Commission Communications

Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

**V. Public Comments**

No public comments were made on the floor.

**VI. Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will take place on October 16, 2023 virtually online and in-person.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair McCollum adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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CHARLIE MCCOLLUM, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR