

Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2024

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

**Call to Order**

Chair Charlie McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm with a land acknowledgment.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Charlie McCollum, Lynne Rosenthal, Karen Adamski, Shelby Taketa, Jonathan Borca, Steven Martinez, and Alexander Nguyen.

**ABSENT:** Smita Garg (Excused Absence) and Janett Peace.

**STAFF:** Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Arts Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao, Sr. Arts Program Manager Beth Tobey, Sr. Arts Program Manager Danielle Siembieda, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

**II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 15, 2024.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, seconded by Commissioner Rosenthal, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 15, 2024, were approved. (4-0-5). (Commissioners Garg and Peace were absent). (Commissioners Borca, Nguyen, and Martinez abstained).

B. Public Record

There was no public record on filed.

**III. Reports and Information Only**

A. Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Omar Torres had no report.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Charlie McCollum highlighted upcoming events that are taking place in San Jose.

C. Director's Report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the OCA monthly report. She thanked the everyone who participated the WeCreate408 challenge and acknowledged Sr. Arts Program Manager Danielle Siembieda for her

hard work. She announced that the deadline to apply for the San Jose Creative Economy Fund is June 17, 2024. The 2024 Make Music Day San Jose will take place on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Outdoor Special Events team is working to reimagine the former Downtown Vibrancy Event Initiative as the SJ PLACES program. The SJ PLACES is aimed at facilitating access to public spaces through the removal of barriers to activation at dedicated plazas and parks in downtown San Jose. In the Mayor's March Budget Message for FY 2024-25, there is a recommendation for \$500,000 for the arts from the General Fund and \$500,000 for destination marketing. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner thanked Commissioners who submitted a nomination for this year's Cornerstone of the Arts Awards. She also thanked the Commissioners who are serving on the selection committee. On June 11, 2024, City Council will adjourn the meeting in honor of Rick Holden who was a former Chair of the Arts Commission.

#### **IV. Business**

- A. Announce candidates for the 2024-2025 Commission Chair, Vice Chair  
Commissioners Adamski and Taketa announced that they have received one nomination for Chair and one nomination for Vice Chair. The deadline to submit a nomination for the elections is June 14, 2024.
- B. Review and receive the proposed FY 2024-2025 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Program and Services.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a verbal report with a PowerPoint presentation.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Borca, seconded by Commissioner Taketa, the recommendation to review and receive the proposed FY 2024-2025 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Program and Services was approved. (7-0-2). (Commissioners Garg and Peace were absent).

Commission discussed ensued.

- C. FY 2024-2025 Grant Recommendations for Cultural Funding Portfolio
  1. Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 2024-2025 Festival, Parade and Celebration Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget.

Sr. Arts Program Manager Beth Tobey provided a verbal report from the memo.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Matinez, the recommendation to propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 2024-2025 Festival, Parade and Celebration Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2024-

2025 Operating Budget. was approved. (7-0-2). (Commissioners Garg and Peace were absent).

Commission discussed ensued.

2. Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed FY 2024-2025 take pART Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget.

Sr. Arts Program Manager Beth Tobey provided a verbal report from the memo.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the recommendation to propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed FY 2024-2025 take pART Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget was approved. (7-0-2). (Commissioners Garg and Peace were absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

3. Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that City Council approve the proposed FY 2024-2025 Operating Grant awards as specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget.

Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera provided a verbal report from the memo.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Shelby, seconded by Commissioner Rosenthal, the recommendation to propose that the Arts Commission recommend that City Council approve the proposed FY 2024-2025 Operating Grant awards as specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget was approved. (7-0-2). (Commissioners Garg and Peace were absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

#### D. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee  
Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal had no report. She reported on her recent attendance to various events.
2. Public Art Committee  
Committee Vice Chair had no report as a meeting did not occur last month.

3. Commission Liaison report

- Commissioner Rosenthal reported that SVCreates's Operating Grant application closed in May. The panel will convene in June to award 35 grants to small and mid-sized groups across the Santa Clara County. The next Municipal Roundtable for the Arts Commission will be in late June. SVCreates will be piloting a new summer youth arts program with education provider Think Together and several local arts group in Alum Rock.
- Commissioner Adamski reported on her attendance to the San Jose Wind Symphony Concert: Fire/Light. She encouraged Commissioners to visit [Silicon Valley Arts Coalition's website](#) for a list of upcoming events.
- Commissioner Borca announced that the School of Arts and Culture at MHP will be kicking off its third annual Fiesta del Mariachi celebration on July 27. Tickets are on sale now.

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 in-person and virtually online on June 17, 2024.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair Charlie McCollum adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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CHARLIE MCCOLLUM, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR