

Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2017

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

**Call to Order**

Chair James called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in Wing Rooms 119 and 120 of City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, CA 95113.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Richard James, Lynne Brown (arrived under item IV.C), Smita Garg (arrived under item IV.C), Charlie McCollum, Albert Le, Leanne Lindelof (arrived under item IV.C), Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, and Ramona Snyder.

**ABSENT:** Roma Dawson.

**STAFF:** Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Senior Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv, Council Assistant Sachin Radhakrishnan (D5).

**II. Public Comment**

There were no public comments made on the floor.

**III. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 16, 2017.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 16, 2017 were approved. (5-0-1) (Commissioner Morrill abstained. Commissioners Lindelof, Garg, and Brown were not present during the vote. Commissioner Dawson was absent).

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

**IV. Reports and Information Only**

A. Council Liaison's Report

Council Assistant Sachin Radhakrishnan reported on behalf of Vice Mayor Carrasco.

B. Chair's Report

Chair James reported on his meeting with OCA staff about the Cornerstone of the Arts Awards event. He noted that the attendance for this year's Cornerstone of the Arts event was lower. Commissioner Morrill commented that the timing of the event is

early as guests are stuck in heavy traffic. Chair James reported on his attendance at Broadway San Jose's performance of *Beautiful, The Carole King Musical*. He also reported that he is working with OCA staff to plan the Arts Commission retreat in January 2018. Chair James thanked OCA staff for all of their hard work on bringing *Sonic Runway* to San José.

C. Presentation: Verbal presentation from MACLA.

Executive Director Anjee Helstrup-Alvarez presented and provided a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

V. **Business**

1. Executive Committee Verbal Report

Committee Chair Snyder reported that the committee discussed and approved the action item. She also reported that the committee discussed and planned future presentations for the remaining Arts Commission meetings.

2. Recommend that the Arts Commission review and approve the panel's recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Exchange Grant, Round 3 Awards.

Senior Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier presented items from the memo.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by McCollum, the recommendation for the Arts Commission to review and approve the panel's recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Exchange Grant, Round 3 Awards were approved. (9-0-1) (Commissioner Dawson was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

3. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Muriera reported that the next Public Art Committee meeting will take place on December 5, 2017. He reported on his attendance at the Valley Hearts Delight mural unveiling at Dr. Robert Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library, *Sonic Runway*, and the Sister Cities: San José Guadalajara event. Chair James had a question regarding to the status on the Percent for Art funding. Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie provided an update. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided additional comments about the next steps and strategies for the Percent for Art funding.

4. Office of Cultural Affairs

a. Monthly report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported the OCA's monthly report. She announced the opening of Bill's Backyard at the Children's Discovery Museum and thanked Senior Arts Program Manager Karen Park for managing the project. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner thanked Arts Commissioners and the public for coming to the opening of *Sonic Runway*. She announced the vacancy for the Arts Commission District 3 seat officially closed and provided a timeline for the next steps.

b. Arts Commission Liaisons (*2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated*)

- a. City Hall Exhibits – Chair James provided a report on behalf of Commissioner Morrill. He announced on the upcoming exhibitions: Blue Tarp Exhibition, This IS San José, and Art Glass.
- b. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Commissioner Brown reported that the Silicon Valley Arts Coalition will be hosting a holiday concert. Approximately 12 different organizations will be performing at the concert.
- c. Silicon Valley Creates – Chair James had no report.
- d. Levitt Pavilion Committee – No report as Commissioner Dawson was absent.
- e. Hammer Theatre Committee – Chair James reported that the Hammer Theatre announced that they currently have 200 events scheduled in their program for the next year.
- f. South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – Commissioner Lindelof reported that the SOFAC discussed the Farmer’s Market and locating a storage for sofas in the SoFA district.
- g. San Jose Downtown Association – Commissioner Snyder reported that the San Jose Downtown Association did not having a meeting. She reported on the opening of Downtown Ice.
- h. San José Creates and Connects – Commissioner Muriera provided updates from the last meeting in October. Updates from the meeting can be found in the OCA’s monthly report.
- i. Team San Jose – Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported that the City Council approved the revisions to the Team San Jose Performance Measures. She noted that Team San Jose is planning improvements to the Center for Performing Arts.
- j. SPUR – Commissioner McCollum reported that he met with San Jose Director Teresa Alvarado and discussed the issue of venue spaces in downtown San José.

c. Commission Communications

Various Commissioners announced the following:

- Mercury News noted that Shea Properties bought a large empty lot in San José and wanted to know if it will affect the process of the artwork that is taking place around the area.
- City Lights Theatre Company will be performing *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* from November 16 through December 17.
- *Sonic Runway* is a very popular art piece on Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, and YouTube.
- San Jose Stage will be performing *Fool for Love* from November 22 through December 17, 2017.
- The Valley Hearts Delight mural was dedicated to Ms. Floavis Douglas, also known as “Miss Flo.”

- Young composer Alma Deutcher, a pianist and violinist from England, will be playing with the Opera San Jose orchestra during the performance of *Cinderella*. Tickets are sold out at this time.

**VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

*The next regular meeting will be on January 22, 2017 at 5:30 PM at City Hall in Wing Rooms 119 and 120.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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RICHARD JAMES, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR