
Special Meeting: Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2018

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair James called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. at Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana (MACLA), 510 S. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Smita Garg, Tamiko Rast, Albert Le, Ron Muriera, Ramona Snyder, Roma Dawson, Charlie McCollum, Tina Morrill, Leanne Lindelof (arrived under item V.A), and Richard James.

ABSENT: Lynne Brown.

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Senior Arts Program Coordinator Arlene Biala, Senior Arts Program Coordinator Karen Park, Senior Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Director of Special Events Tammy Turnipseed, Senior Project Manager Lynn Rogers, and 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 November 20, 2017.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on November 20, 2017 were approved. (8-0-3) (Commissioners Dawson and Rast abstained. Commissioner Brown was absent).

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

IV. Reports and Information Only

A. Retreat Agenda Review

Chair James provided an overview of the retreat agenda.

B. Update from Council Liaison – *Hon. Magdalena Carrasco, Vice Mayor, D5*

Council Assistant Sachin Radhakrishnan reported on behalf of Vice Mayor Carrasco. He provided a report of various art projects that was related to cultural equity and inclusion. He noted that the underpass mural project, Pow! Wow! murals, and Local Color two dollar art days are several examples of art projects related to cultural equity. Sachin noted that several Councilmembers will take part in the Participatory Budgeting within their district. Participatory Budgeting emphasizes citizen input by soliciting ideas from residents, shaping the ideas into projects, and then allowing residents to directly prioritize how the City will spend the budgeted money. Sachin highly recommended that Commissioners and other community members participate in the Participatory Budgeting to assist with brainstorming ideas related to art. He also suggested that Commissioners should also connect with their Councilmembers regularly to provide any updates regarding to the arts.

V. Business

- A. Group activity: Commissioners and staff will be led through an internal, self-reflective, somatic, and/or interactive experience of equity and inclusion.

Facilitators Tyese Wortham and Beatrice Thomas facilitated the internal, self-reflective, somatic, and/or interactive experience of equity and inclusion group activity.

Commissioners and OCA staff participated in the group activity and discussed on the results and outcomes of the activity.

- B. Introduction: A foundational introduction to Cultural Inclusion and Equity.

Facilitators Tyese Wortham and Beatrice Thomas provided a brief presentation with a Power Point presentation. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner and OCA staff also provided a Power Point presentation regarding to how Cultural Inclusion and Equity are incorporated into the programs and services of the OCA.

- C. Welcome and a tour of MACLA

Executive Director Anjee Helstrup Alvarez provided a welcome and a tour of MACLA to the Commission.

- D. Discussion: San Jose art leaders discuss their experience and thoughts about the subject of cultural equity followed by a question/comment period.

Facilitators Tyese Wortham and Beatrice Thomas moderated the panel discussion. San Jose art leaders Executive Director of School of Arts and Culture at MHP Tamara Alvarado, Program Office of the Hewlett Foundation Emiko Ono, Executive Director of the Children's Discovery Museum San Jose Marilee Jennings, and founder of San Jose Taiko Roy Hirabayashi shared their experiences and thoughts about the subject of cultural equity. The San Jose art leaders also participated in a panel discussion following their presentations.

- E. Final Thoughts and Conclusion

Facilitators Tyese Wortham and Beatrice Thomas and Chair R. James reported on their final thoughts and conclusion.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be on February, 26 2018 at 5:30 PM at City Hall in Wing Rooms 119 and 120.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

RICHARD JAMES, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR