
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2019

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm in Wing Room 120 at City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, CA 95113.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Albert Le, Ron Muriera, Ramona Snyder, Roma Dawson, Charlie McCollum, Mazyar Lotfalian, and Lynne Brown.

Absent: Commissioners Smita Garg and Richard James.

Staff: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Public Art Director Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Arts Program Karen Park, Sr. Arts Program Emily Sevier, Sr. Public Art Manager Lynn Rogers, Council Policy and Legal Advisor Maricela Lechuga-Gutierrez (D5), Council Assistant Sachin Radhakrishnan (D5), Council Assistant Patricia Ceja (D3), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

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 June 17, 2019

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on June 17, 2019 were approved. (8-0-3.) (Commissioners Garg and James were absent.) (Commissioner Dawson was not present.)

B. Public Record

There was no public record on file.

IV. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liason's Report – *Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, District 5*
Policy Aide Sachin Radhakrishnan reported on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco. He introduced Maricela Lechuga-Gutierrez who will be serving as the Council Policy and Legal Advisor for D5. Council Policy and Legal Advisor Maricela Lechuga-Gutierrez provided a brief introduction of herself.

B. Presentation: Verbal Report from San Jose Taiko

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a brief introduction about San Jose Taiko and the presentation. Artistic Director Franco Imperial and Executive Director Wisa Uemura provided a verbal presentation with a Power Point Presentation. They were both available for questions and comments from the Commission.

C. Chair's report

1. Chair Lynne Brown noted that she was honored to serve as the Arts Commission Chair for FY 2019-2020. She provided a brief background about herself. Chair Brown noted that she hopes to accomplish some goals before the end of the fiscal year.

D. Office of Cultural Affairs

1. Monthly verbal report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner highlighted items from the monthly report. She provided an update regarding the study of the arts ecosystem being commissioned in partnership with SVCcreates. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner announced that there is a new mural called *Bleeding Teal* by street artist Nychos in collaboration with Empire 7 Studios. The mural is located at the Whole Foods Market on the Alameda. She also announced that on August 22nd, there will be an update regarding to the Google's Mixed-use Plan at the Station Area Advisory Group meeting. On August 24th, Google will hold a community open house about the Mixed-use Plan at Arena Green West.

V. **Business**

1. Presentation: Brown Act overview for Commissioners

Deputy City Attorney Arlene Silva provided an overview with a Power Point presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

2. Presentation: Creative Expression Campaign

Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier provided an overview of the Creative Expression Campaign to the Commission. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

3. Report: Arts Access and Equity Ad Hoc Committee

Committee member Roma Dawson provided a report on the progress and wanted to receive input from the Commission. She noted that focus of the ad hoc committee is to define the overarching goal and potential work product(s). She noted that the overarching goal for the ad hoc committee is to "assess the situation in terms of equity and access of the arts for all communities in San Jose. We are focused on K-12." Committee member Roma Dawson also noted that the goal may be modified when there

is more staff input. Other ad hoc committee members also provided additional comments to the report. The Commission provided their feedback and input to the committee.

4. Standing Reports

a. Executive Committee – *Ramona Snyder, Committee Chair*

1. Committee Chair’s verbal report on most recent meeting

Committee Chair Ramona Snyder provided a report on the most recent meeting. She noted that the Committee reviewed the recommended action and forwarded it to the Commission. Also, the Committee reviewed the Arts Commission agenda and made edits to it.

2. Recommend the Arts Commission review and accept the Arts Commission’s annual report for FY 2018-2019 and workplan for FY 2019-2020 and recommend its approval by the City Council’s Community and Economic Development as required by City Council.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented items from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the recommendation to review and accept the Arts Commission’s annual report for FY 2018-2019 and workplan for FY 2019-2020 and recommend its approval by the City Council’s Community and Economic Development as required by City Council were approved. (8-0-2.) (Commissioners Garg and James were absent.)

Commission discussion ensued.

3. Discussion: Private Development Ad Hoc Committee

Commissioner McCollum provided a summary of the discussion from the Executive Committee. He provided motion for the recommendation on the creation of an ad hoc committee to collect relevant information on private sector development in the downtown core arts area, develop a strategy for the Commission to raise awareness of the importance of the arts among downtown developers and formulate possible recommendations to forward to the City Council. The plan would cover both public art and the needs of arts groups that perform and operate in the downtown area. The committee would consist of Commissioners McCollum (acting as chair) and James.

Action: Upon a motion from Commissioner McCollum, second by Commissioner Dawson, the recommendation to create an ad hoc committee to collect relevant information on private sector development in the downtown core arts area, develop a strategy for the Commission to raise awareness of the importance of the arts among downtown developers and formulate possible recommendations to forward to the City Council. The plan would cover both public art and the needs of arts groups that perform and operate in the downtown area. The committee would consist of Commissioners McCollum (acting as chair) and James were approved. (6-0-4). (Commissioner Le abstained). (Commissioner Muriera was not present). (Commissioners Garg and James were absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

b. Public Art Committee – *Roma Dawson, Committee Chair*

1. Committee Chair’s verbal report on most recent meeting

Committee Chair Roma Dawson reported on the most recent meeting. She reported that the Committee took action on the following projects: Schematic and Design Development Proposal by artist Vicki Scuri for an illuminated public art project along Basset Avenue; Design Development Proposal for Artistic Enhancement by artist Norie Sato for Pellier Park; design proposal for a mural at the Coleman underpass over the Guadalupe River; concept design for artist Phillip Beesley proposal at the San Jose Airport Showcases; and the concept design for artist Humans Since 1982 for the San Jose Airport Feature Wall.

2. To take action on the Public Art Committee’s recommendation regarding the following appointments to the Public Art Advisory Committee:

1) Appoint Heidi Lubin to a full term ending June 30, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown, second by Commissioner McCollum the recommendation to accept the Public Art Committee’s recommendation regarding the following appointments to the Public Art Advisory Committee: Appoint Heidi Lubin to a full term ending June 30, 2021 were approved. (7-0-3). (Commissioner Muriera was not present). (Commissioners Garg and James were absent).

Commission discussed ensued.

c. Arts Commission Liasons (*2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated*)

1. City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner Lotfalian had no report.

2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – No report. Commissioner Garg was absent.

3. Levitt Pavilion Committee – No report. Commissioner Southwick resigned from the Commission.
4. Santa Clara County Education Visual and Performing Arts – Commissioner Lotfalian had no report.
5. Station First Area Advisory Group (SAAG) – Commissioner Le had no report. The next meeting will take place on August 22nd.
6. South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – Commissioner McCollum had no report as he was not present.
7. San José Downtown Association – Chair Brown had no report.
8. San José Creates and Connects – Vice Chair Snyder had no report.
9. Team San José – Commissioner Muriera had no report as he was not present.
10. SPUR – Commissioner James had no report. He was absent.
11. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute (MALI) – No report. A Commissioner was not assigned to be the liaison for MALI.

d. Commission Communications

Various Commissioners announced upcoming events and performances.

VI. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be on September 16, 2019 at 5:30 PM in Wing Rooms 119 and 120.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Snyder adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

LYNNE BROWN, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR