

Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2019

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

Call to Order

Chair Lynne Brown called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm in Wing Room 120 at City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, CA 95113.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Lynne Brown, Ramona Snyder (arrived under item IV.C), Smita Garg, Albert Le, Ron Muriera, Roma Dawson, Charlie McCollum, Mazyar Lotfalian, Leanne Lindelof (arrived under item IV.B), and Richard James.

Absent: None.

Staff: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Karen Park, Council Policy & Legislative Advisor Maricela Lechuga (D5), Council Assistant Sachin Radhakrishnan (D5), Intern Roshni Saxena (D5), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

**II. Public Comment**

Aniruddha Dasgupta, representing Bay Area Film Festival, announced the upcoming Cine Next Film Festival. The festival will take place on December 7, 2019 at the School of Arts and Culture at MHP from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.

**III. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on October 21, 2019.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Garg, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 21, 2019 were approved. (7-0-3.) (Commissioners Snyder and Lindelof were not present during the vote.) (Commissioner Le abstained.)

B. Public Record

There was no public record on file.

**IV. Reports and Information Only**

A. Introduction of General Director of Opera San Jose Khori Dastoor

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a brief introduction of Khori Dastoor. Khori Dastoor provided a brief background about herself.

- B. Council Liason's Report – *Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, District 5*  
Council Policy & Legislative Advisor Maricela Lechuga reported on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco. She provided an update to the potential development of the cultural district on Alum Rock Avenue. She introduced their intern Roshni Saxena. Roshni provided a brief background about herself. Council Assistant Sachin Radhakrishnan provided additional comments.
- C. Presentation: POW! WOW! San Jose Festival  
Co-Director Juan Carlos Araujo provided a verbal presentation with a PowerPoint presentation. He was available for questions and comments from the Commission.
- D. Chair's report
1. Chair Lynne Brown reported on various events that she attended within the last month. She reported on the post meeting that the Planning Committee had regarding to the Cornerstone of the Arts event.
- E. Office of Cultural Affairs
1. Monthly verbal report  
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner highlighted items from the monthly report. She announced that today marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Artist Robert Graham's *Plumed Serpent*, also known as *Quetzalcoatl*. She also announced that she will be giving a presentation on her case study *Plumed Serpent: Politics of Place, Art, & Cultural Inclusion* on November 19, 2019 at the San Jose Museum of Art. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner also announced that Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier attended the National Creative Placemaking Conference last week in Pheonix, Arizona.

**V. Business**

- A. Recommend that the Arts Commission review and accept the panel's recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Exchange Grant, Round 5 awards.

Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier presented from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by Commissioner Dawson, the Commission accepted the recommendation to review and accept the panel's recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Exchange Grant, Round 5 awards. (9-0-1.) (Chair Brown abstained.)

Commission dicussion ensued.

- B. Update: Verbal update on San Jose Creates and Connects.  
Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier provided an update with a PowerPoint Presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

- C. Recommend that the Arts Commission review and accept the Creative License Ambassador Guidelines.

Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier presented from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Dawson, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the Commission accepted the recommendation to review and accept the Creative License Ambassador Guidelines. (10-0-0.)

Co-Founder of Empire Seven Studios Juan Carlos Araujo had a question relating to the qualifications on applying for the Creative License Ambassador. Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier provided clarification.

- D. Discussion: Arts Commission Retreat

Commission discussion ensued. The Commissioners were provided a list of potential topics for the retreat. Some suggested other topics which included the budget, arts access and equity, and creating a list of discussion topics to agendize for the remaining fiscal year. Commissioners discussed the merits of the potential topics. Chair Brown reiterated the retreat theme and asked Commissioners to provide additional input on their priorities before the upcoming Executive Committee meeting on December 2, 2019.

- E. Standing Reports

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

- a. Committee Chair’s verbal report on most recent meeting  
Committee Chair Ramona Snyder had no report as a meeting did not occur. She announced that the next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, December 2, 2019.

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

- a. Committee Chair’s verbal report on most recent meeting  
Committee Chair Roma Dawson had no report as a meeting did not occur. She thanked the Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner for her comments at the Iris Chang Park dedication on November 9, 2019.

3. Ad Hoc Committees

- a. Arts Access and Equity Ad Hoc Committee  
Committee Chair Roma Dawson had no report. She made a request to provide a brief report at the Arts Commission retreat.
- b. Downtown Development Ad Hoc Committee  
Commissioner McCollum had no report as a meeting has not occurred.

4. Arts Commission Liaisons (*2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated*)
  - a. City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner Lotfalian had no report.
  - b. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – No report. A Commissioner has not been assigned as a liaison to the Silicon Valley Arts Coalition.
  - c. Silicon Valley Creates – Commissioner Lindelof had no report as she was not present.
  - d. Santa Clara County Education Visual and Performing Arts – Commissioner Lotfalian reported that the Santa Clara County Education Visual and Performing Arts is currently developing a movement to engage school districts to make art as part of their school.
  - e. Station First Area Advisory Group (SAAG) – Commissioner Le had no report as the Station First Area Advisory Group meeting was taking place at the same time as the Arts Commission meeting. He announced that SAAG will have smaller group meetings on November 21, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at City Hall in room 1734 and on December 2, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Bascom Community Center.
  - f. South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – Commissioner McCollum had no report.
  - g. San José Downtown Association – Vice Chair Snyder had no report. She noted that Downtown Ice opened on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - h. San José Creates and Connects – Vice Chair Snyder had no report.
  - i. Team San José – Commissioner Muriera had no report as he was not present.
  - j. SPUR – Commissioner James had no report.
  - k. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute (MALI) – Commissioner Garg provided a report. She announced the Demone Carter will be leaving the School of Arts and Culture at MHP for a job opportunity at the Sacred Heart Community Service. She also announced that MALI will be hosting a funder panel meeting on the next day from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at the School of Arts and Culture at MHP.

D. Commission Communications

Various Commissioners announced upcoming events and performances.

**VI. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

*There will no meeting in December 2019. The next regular meeting will take place on January 27, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the City Manager's conference room 1734.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

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LYNNE BROWN, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR