

Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Garg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Smita Garg, Charlie McCollum, Juan Carlos Araujo, Bryce Lynch, Leanne Lindelof, Trami Cron, Richard James, Audrey Rumsby, Lynne Brown, and Elizabeth Alvarez

Ex-Officio Members Ron Muriera, Ramona Snyder, Roma Dawson, and Albert Le

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Arlene Biala, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Karen Park, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Policy Aide Patricia Ceja (D3), Policy Aide Omar Torres (D5), 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 August 17, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Cron, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 17, 2020 were approved. (9-0-1). (Commissioners Lindelof abstained).

Commission discussion ensued.

- B. Approval of the meeting minutes for the special meeting on September 11, 2020.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner McCollum, seconded by Commissioner Lynch, the meeting minutes for the special meeting on September 11, 2020 were approved. (9-0-1). (Commissioners Alvarez abstained).

Commission discussion ensued. Commissioner James requested to edit the following statement “After the voting, Committee Chair Richard James announced Commissioner Juan Carlos Araujo has been elected as the new Vice Chair and Commissioner Smita Garg has been elected as the new Chair of the Arts Commission for FY 2020-2021” to “After verbally voting, Committee Chair Richard James announced Commissioner Juan Carlos Araujo has been elected as the new Vice Chair and Commissioner Smita Garg has been elected as the new Chair of the Arts Commission for FY 2020-2021.”

C. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

IV. Reports and Information Only.

A. Council Liaison’s Report

Policy Aide Omar Torres provided a report on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco. He announced the Sachin Radhakrishnan and Maricela Lechuga are no longer with the office. A new staff member will be providing a report on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco next month. Policy Aide Omar Torres announced that there is new mural at Capitol Park in East Side San Jose. He also announced that the School of Arts and Culture at MHP has utilized their space to hand out free food and provide free COVID-19 testing. Public Art Director Michael Ogilvie provided additional comments regarding to the mural.

B. Chair’s Report

Chair Smita had no report. She announced that she and Vice Chair Juan Carlos Araujo are currently working on appointing Commissioners to be members on the Executive Committee and Public Art Committee. Chair Garg also provided a brief overview regarding to the Commission liaison reports and noted that it will be returning back as a standing report on the agenda.

C. Office of Cultural Affairs – Monthly verbal report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported items from the monthly report. She welcomed, Commissioners Smita Garg and Juan Carlos Araujo, as the new officers to the Arts Commission. She thanked Commissioners Lynn Brown, Ramona Snyder, and Roma Dawson for serving as the past officers for the Arts Commission and Public Art Committee. She also announced that Kim Welsh is no longer the Director for Economic Development as she has accepted a full-time position as a Deputy City Manager. Nanci Klein is now the new Director of Economic Development/ Director of Real Estate. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner also provided brief updates regarding to the Emergency Office Center, Team San Jose, and the current status of the County of Santa Clara’s Public Health order regarding to the shelter in place.

V. Business

- A. Review and accept the panel’s recommendation for 2021 Creative License Ambassadors.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the recommendation to review and accept the panel's recommendation for the FY 2021 Creative License Ambassadors was approved. (10-0-0)

Commission discussion ensued.

B. Update: Coronavirus Relief Fund

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Sr. Arts Program Coordinators Karen Park and Arlene Biala provided an update with a Power Point Presentation. They were all available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Commission discussion ensued.

C. Standing reports.

1. Executive Committee report

Committee Chair Juan Carlos did not have a report since a meeting did not take place in September.

2. Public Art Committee report

Interim Committee Chair Smita Garg had no report since a meeting did not take place in September.

D. Commission Communications

Various Commissioners made announcements and reports.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held virtually on October 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR