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Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2021

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

**Call to order**

Chair Araujo called the virtual meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT: Committee Members Juan Carlos Araujo, Smita Garg, Charlie McCollum, Richard James, and Lynne Brown.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

**II. Public Comment**

Paul Soto provided comments regarding to the *Thomas Fallon* statue. He thanked Kerry Adams Hapner and the Committee for extending the times for the Public Art Forum that took place on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**III. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the special meeting on January 11, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Garg, seconded by Commissioner James, the minutes for the special meeting on January 11, 2021 were approved. (5-0-0).

B. Public Record

There was no public record on file.

**IV. Reports and Information Only**

A. Announcements

No announcements were made on the floor.

B. Chair's report

Chair Juan Carlos Araujo had no report.

C. Director's Report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner thanked the Committee for participating in the retreat. She thought that the retreat was very insightful and informative. She also provided a report on the Public Art Forum that took place last Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. During the forum, several community members advocated on removing the *Thomas Fallon* statue from its current location. Earlier today, Mayor

Sam Liccardo released a memo announcing the removal of the *Thomas Fallon* statue. OCA staff is currently in the process of having the statue deaccessioned. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner also provided a report on Christmas in the Park with regards to last year's event. She announced that the WeCreate408 festival will be taking place in April as it coincides with Arts and Creativity month.

**V. Business**

A. Discussion: Digital Billboards in San Jose

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided an update with regards to the digital billboards in San Jose. She noted that the project has been ongoing for about one to two years and it will be going to City Council at the end of March. The Committee provided their input and agreed to agendaize the topic at the next Arts Commission meeting on February 22, 2021.

B. Discussion: Native American Land Acknowledgement

Committee Vice Chair Smita Garg provided a brief update. She suggested to provide a tribute to the owners of the land at the beginning of each Arts Commission meeting. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided additional comments. She noted that she reached out to the Director of Office of Racial Equity Zulma Maciel to see if there is a City Policy for acknowledging Native American lands. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner will follow-up the Director of Office of Racial and Equity Zulma Maciel and report back at the next Arts Commission meeting.

C. Review draft of Arts Commission meeting agenda

The Committee reviews and made modifications to the draft Arts Commission agenda.

D. Review Arts Commission Agenda Planner for remaining FY 2020 – 2021 meetings, including scheduled presentations.

The Committee reviewed and made modifications to the FY 2020-2021 meetings, including presentations.

**VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

*The next regular meeting will take place virtually on February 1, 2020 at 5:30 PM.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Juan Carlos Araujo adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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JUAN CARLOS ARAUJO, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR