

Arts Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Garg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:31 pm and provided a brief Native American Land Acknowledgement.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Smita Garg, Juan Carlos Araujo, Lynne Brown, Charlie McCollum, Lynne Rosenthal, Trami Cron, Richard James, Bryce Lynch, and Elizabeth Alvarez.

ABSENT: Commissioner Audrey Rumsby.

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Director of Special Events Tammy Turnipseed, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Arlene Biala, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Karen Park, Sr. Art Program Emily Sevier, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Policy Aides Christian Sanchez (D5) and Brisa Rojas (D5), Special Events Coordinator Sherina Guimmond, PBCE Planner Martina Davis, Downtown Manager Blage Zelalich, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Public Comment

- Paul Soto provided comments regarding to his documentation about the *Thomas Fallon statue*. He asked the Commission to support his project and possibly allocate some funding for his project.
- Melissa Nievera from Evergreen Valley College thanked the Commission for practicing Native Land Acknowledgements at the beginning of the meeting. She provided additional comments.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on January 25, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the meeting minutes for the Arts Commission retreat meeting on January 25, 2021 were approved. (8-0-2). (Commissioner Lynch was no present). (Commissioner Rumsby was absent.)

Commission discussion ensued.

- B. Public Record
There was no public record filed.

IV. Reports and Information Only.

- A. Council Liaison's Report
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco had no report.
- B. Presentation: FY 2020-2021 Creative License Ambassador Demone Carter
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a brief introduction of the Creative License Ambassadors Program. Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier provided additional comments and introduced Demone Carter. Demone Carter presented to the Commission with a PowerPoint Presentation. He was available for questions and comment from the Commission.

Public member Paul Soto provided comments after the presentation.

- C. Chair's report
Chair Garg wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year. She hopes that this year would be a better year for everyone as the Ox represents strength. She provided a brief report regarding to last month's retreat and hoped that everyone enjoyed it. Chair Garg also provided a report on last month's Public Art community panel meeting that took place on January 29th. She announced that Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Karen Park and Special Events Director Tammy Turnipseed will be retiring from OCA at the end of March.
- D. Office of Cultural Affairs monthly report
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided updates from the report. She reported on the Public Art Community Forum that took place in January 2021 and noted on the next steps to deaccess the *Thomas Fallon* statue. She announced that part IV of the six-part *Holding the Moment* exhibition is currently on view at the San Jose Mineta Airport through March 20, 2021. She also announced that Burning Man artwork *XO* by Laura Kimpton will be permanently installed at the airport and that *Sonic Runway* is ready to be installed once it is permitted to do so. She shared that Christmas in the Park had a great outcome during the holidays; however, there were some community impacts that needed to be mitigated like traffic control. City staff is currently meeting to discuss about the issue. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner shared that OCA is in partnership with MALI will be providing professional development workshops for San Jose artists, arts workers and creatives. The program is called Each One Teach One. Artists, arts workers and creatives who are interested should apply by March 1, 2021.

V. Business

- A. Update on digital billboards in San Jose
Downtown Manager Blage Zellich and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Planner Martina Davis presented with a Power Point Presentation. They were both available for questions and comments from the Commission.

- B. Presentation: Overview of budget for FY 2021-2022 and the Arts Budget and update on Cultural Funding Programs.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Cron made a motion to the recommend Chair Garg to write a letter on behalf of the Arts Commission to the full Council to advocate more funding for the arts during the budget season with input from OCA staff.

Action: Upon a motion from Commissioner Cron, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the recommendation for Chair Garg to write a letter on behalf of the Arts Commission to the full Council to advocate more funding for the arts during the budget season with input from OCA staff was approved. (9-0-1) (Commissioner Rumsby was absent.)

Commission discussion ensued.

Public member Paul Soto provided additional comments and asked the Commission and OCA on considering providing budget for is documentary about the *Thomas Fallon* statue.

- C. Discussion: Native American Land Acknowledgement

Chair Garg noted that she would like to make the Native American Land Acknowledgement as a standard item at the beginning of each Arts Commission meeting. Several Commissioners were a little concern as there was no approval or direction from Council. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner clarified that if the Commission agrees to have it as a standard item on the agenda, she will check-in with the Office of Racial Equity before agendizing it for future meetings.

Commission discussion ensued.

Public member Paul Soto provided his comments.

- D. Standing reports

1. Executive Committee – Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo

Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo provided a report on the most recent meeting. He provided a report on regards to the Public Art Community panel meeting about the discussion on the artwork *AMERICANA* by artist Eric Bui.

2. Public Art Committee – Committee Chair Lynne Brown

Committee Chair Lynne Brown provided a report on the most recent meeting. She reported that Sr. Project Manager Mary Rubin provided an update with regards to the Norman Y. Mineta San José Airport Terminal B permanent

artworks: *Threshold*, by artist Philip Beesley of Living Architecture Systems Group, and *A million times for San Jose*, by Humans Since 1982. She also showed a video regarding to Brian Bush's illuminated façade enhancement at the Market Street Parking Garage.

E. Commission Liaison Reports

1. San Jose Arts Advocates – Commissioner McCollum reported that the group has ongoing concerns about the issues surrounding *AMERICANA* by artist Eric Bui.
2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Commissioner Brown had no report.
3. Santa Clara County Education Visual and Performing Arts – Commissioner Alvarez reported that she connected with Sophia at the Santa Clara County of Education Office. She noted that Sophia is doing a tremendous job of providing the community with resources related to the arts.
4. City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner James had no report
5. Team San Jose – No report. Commissioner Rumsby was absent.
6. South First Area Committee - Commissioner Lynch was introduced to the Chair, but the group has not met since October 2020.
7. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute (MALI) – Chair Garg reported that the next MALI class will take place later on this month. She provided a brief description of the Each One Teach One workshop.
8. San Jose State University – Commissioner Cron had no report. She is still trying to connect with someone in the College for Arts Humanities program.

F. Commission Communications

Commissioners shared various announcements and updates.

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VI. *The next regular meeting will be held virtually on March 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM.*

VII. Adjournment

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR