

Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Garg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:32 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, Audrey Rumsby, and Bryce Lynch.

ABSENT: Commissioners Richard James (Excused) and Elizabeth Alvarez

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 Coordinator Emily Sevier, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Policy Aide Brisa Morena (D5), Sr. Events Coordinator Brian Clampitt, Sr. Events Coordinator Leonela Torres, Events Coordinator II Sherina Guimmond, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Public Comment

- There were no public comments on the floor.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 22, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner McCollum, seconded by Commissioner Cron, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 22, 2021 were approved. (8-0-2). (Commissioners James and Alvarez were absent.)

Commission discussion ensued.

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

IV. Reports and Information Only.

A. Council Liaison's Report

Policy aide Brisa Moreno reported on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco. She announced that the Private Percent for Art will be a part of the Council's budget priority setting.

B. Presentation: FY 2020-2021 Creative License Ambassadors Cynthia Cao and Elizabeth Jimenez Montelongo

Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier provided a brief introduction on Cynthia Cao and Elizabeth Jimenez Montelongo. Cynthia Cao and Elizabeth Jimenez Montelongo presented to the Commission with a PowerPoint Presentation. They were both available for questions and comments from the Commission.

C. Update: Outdoor Special Events

Special Events Director Tammy Turnipseed, Sr. Events Coordinator Brian Clampitt, Sr. Events Coordinator Leonela Torres, and Events Coordinator Sherina Guimmond presented with a PowerPoint Presentation. They were available for questions and comments from the Commission.

D. Chair's report

Chair Garg reported that she wrote another letter to the Mayor asking for clarification regarding to the item on festivals in his March budget message for FY 2021-2022. She asked the Commission to voice their opinions about providing more funding for the arts at tomorrow's City Council meeting. Chair Garg also reported on her attendance at the Mexican New Year celebration at the School of Arts and Culture at MHP.

E. Office of Cultural Affairs monthly report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided updates from the report. She announced that Burning Man artwork *XO* by artist Laura Kimpton will be permanently installed at the airport. She also announced that we are moving forward this year's Cornerstone of the Arts Award, and the WeCreate408 creativity challenge will kick off on April 1, 2021 as part of California's Arts and Creativity month. Participants are invited to sign-up for the month-long creativity challenge at WeCreate408.org.

V. Business

A. Update on budget process for FY 2021-2022 and Mayor's Budget Message

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided an update and highlighted items from the Mayor's March Budget Message for FY 21-22. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

B. Approve the recommendation to carry forward the FY 2020-2021 Operating Grant grant recommendations, adjusted for funding available, to FY 2021-2022 funding cycle; and take a hiatus on opening the programs to new applications for FY 2021-2022.

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

Action: Upon a motion from Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Lynch, the recommendation to carry forward the FY 2020-2021 Operating Grant recommendations, adjusted for funding available, to FY 2021-2022 funding cycle; and take a hiatus on opening the programs to new applications for FY 2021-2022. was approved. (8-0-2) (Commissioner James and Alvarez were absent.)

Commission discussion ensued.

C. Standing reports

1. Executive Committee – Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo

Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo provided a report on the most recent meeting. He noted that the California Pioneers of Santa Clara sent a letter to City Council and the Arts Commission with regards to the *Thomas Fallon Statue*. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided additional comments with regards to the letter and the next steps.

F. Commission Liaison Reports

1. San Jose Arts Advocates – Commissioner McCollum reported that the group sent an email blast for the public to contact City Council about the removal of the artwork *AMERICANA* by artist Eric Bui.
2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Commissioner Brown reported that there are currently 14 active members. They are currently making an effort for a group presentation in the late summer.
3. Team San Jose – Commissioner Rumsby reported that TSJ is currently developing ideas to get more people to travel during the pandemic.
4. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute – Chair Garg reported that the Each One Teach One workshop is going well. She commended Arlene Biala for all of her work and coordination to ensure that the program is running smoothly.

F. Commission Communications

Commissioners shared various announcements and updates.

The next regular meeting will be held virtually on April 19, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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