
Meeting Minutes
March 01, 2021

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Araujo called the virtual meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Councilmember Raul Peralez, Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Downtown Manager Blage Zelalich, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Policy Aide Patricia Ceja, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Public Comment

Public member Mollie McLeod provided comments with regards to accessibility and asked to provide closed captioning for virtual meetings.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the regular meeting on February 1, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the minutes for the regular meeting on February 1, 2021 were approved. (5-0-0).

B. Public Record

There was no public record on file.

IV. Reports and Information Only

A. Presentation: Digital Billboards in San Jose

Councilmember Peralez presented a verbal update on the status of digital billboards in San Jose. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner and Downtown Manager Blage Zelalich provided additional comments. They were all available for questions and comments from the Committee and public.

B. Announcements

No announcements were made on the floor.

C. Chair's report

Chair Araujo noted that March is Women's History Month. He acknowledged the women who have been providing exemplary work in OCA – Kerry Adams Hapner, Arlene Biala, Karen Park, Tammy Turnipseed, Tina Iv, Emily Sevier, Lynn Rogers, and Mary Rubin in honor of Women's History Month. He announced that Local Color will be collaborating with San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles and the San Jose Downtown Association to selected artists to execute eight textile-inspired murals at the SoFA Pocket Park Murals – a pop-up dog park and urban garden that will open to the public in Spring 2021. Chair Araujo also provided his opinion with regards to the removal of the *AMERICANA* artwork by artist Eric Bui.

D. Director's Report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner announced that the Santa Clara County is considering moving into the red tier. Last week City Council had a workshop to discuss about recovery for the City. The discussion was about the Council Policy Priorities which included the Private Percent for Public Art. She noted the San Jose Arts Advocates wrote a letter to the Mayor, City Manager, and OCA with regards to keep the Private Percent for the Art as a priority in the Council Budget Priority discussion and about the *AMERICANA* artwork by artist Eric Bui. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner also announced that OCA staff members Tammy Turnipseed and Karen Park are not interested in any public recognition events upon their retirement.

V. **Business**

A. Update: FY 2021-2022 Budget Process

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner noted that she had no new updates from the last report at the Arts Commission meeting in February. She announced that the Mayor will be releasing his March Budget Message either on Friday, March 5th or on Monday, March 8th. Committee Vice Chair Smita Garg added that the letter is currently being drafted and will be sent on behalf of the Arts Commission to the Rules and Open Government Committee for review before it is sent to the full Council.

Member of the public Mollie McLeod provided comments with regards to the *AMERICANA* artwork by artist Eric Bui. Member of the public Paul Soto provided comments about the budget and asked the Committee to set aside funding for his documentary for the *Thomas Fallon Statue*.

B. Discussion: 2021 Cornerstone of the Arts

The Committee discussed this year's 2021 Cornerstone of the Arts event. Commissioner James suggested the event should take place this year since it did not occur in 2020 due to the pandemic. Committee agreed. Also, the Committee discussed and agreed to plan for the in-person or hybrid event as there is an uncertainty on when the County of Santa Clara will allow events to take place indoors.

C. Review draft of Arts Commission meeting agenda

The Committee reviewed and made modifications to the draft Arts Commission agenda. The Committee also strategized on time management for future Arts Commission meetings.

Members of the public Paul Soto and Mollie McLeod provided comments regarding to the time management of future Arts Commission meetings.

- 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

No meeting in April. The next regular meeting will take place virtually on May 3, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Juan Carlos Araujo adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

JUAN CARLOS ARAUJO, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR