

Meeting Minutes
April 19, 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, Bryce Lynch, Richard James, and Elizabeth Alvarez.

ABSENT: Commissioner Audrey Rumsby

STAFF: Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Art Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Public Comment

Member of the public Paul Soto commented on the Urban Confluence project and the Native American Land Acknowledgement.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 15, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Araujo, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 15, 2021 were approved. (8-0-2). (Commissioners James and Alvarez abstained.)

Commission discussion ensued.

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

IV. Reports and Information Only

- A. Council Liaison's Report
Councilmember Carrasco had no report.

- B. Presentation: FY 2020-2021 Creative License Ambassadors Chike Nwoffiah and Ray Furuta.
Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier introduced Chike Nwoffiah and Ray Furuta. Chike Nwoffiah and Ray Furuta presented to the Arts Commission with a

PowerPoint presentation. They were both available for questions and comments from the Commission and public.

C. Chair's report

Chair Smita Garg reported that the WeCreate408 kick-off event took place on April 8th. She thanked Emily Sevier and OCA staff for putting on a great event. She announced that on March 16th, the COVID-19 vaccination will be available for those who are 16 years old and older. Chair Garg commended arts organizations for figuring out ways to keep their doors open during the pandemic and to ensure that the community had access to the arts. She also reminded and encouraged Commissioners to reach out to the Councilmembers asking to keep the arts on the budget as a high priority for FY 2021-2022 since there is a budget reduction of the TOT.

D. Office of Cultural Affairs monthly report

Public Art Director Michael Ogilvie reported on behalf of Kerry Adams Hapner. He provided updates regarding to the *Thomas Fallon Statue* and the Urban Confluence of Silicon Valley project. He also shared a brief video of *Feature Wall/A Million Times for San Jose* that will be installed at the Norman Y. Mineta Airport. Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie acknowledged that several cultural facilities temporarily changed their venue to adopt to the pandemic. For instance, School of Arts and Culture at MHP used their venue as a site for COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

V. Business

A. Appointment of 3-person Elections Committee

Chair Garg provided a brief background and the role of the 3-person Elections Committee. She asked Commissioners to send her an email if they are interested on sitting on the Committee.

B. Appointment of Cornerstone of the Arts Committee

Chair Garg provided a brief background the role of the Cornerstone of the Arts Committee. She asked Commissioners to send her an email if they are interested on sitting on the Committee. She also reminded Commissioners to submit a nomination for the Cornerstone of the Arts. The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, May 7th by 5:00 pm.

The Commission had a brief discussion on the possibility to rollover nominations from previous years. The Commission suggested to check-in with the Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner to ensure if it would be appropriate to roll over previous nominations. Chair Garg noted that this topic will be discussed at the May Executive Committee meeting.

C. Standing reports

1. Public Art Committee – Committee Chair Lynne Brown

Committee Chair Brown provided a report on the most recent meeting. She reported that the Public Art Committee received an update on the Urban

Confluence Silicon Valley Project and the Public Art Maintenance Plan for FY 2021-2022. Committee Chair Brown also reported that the Committee took action and approved the design development proposal by local artist Alfonso Salazar and the 5-year Public Art Workplan for FY 2022-2027.

E. Commission Liaison Reports

1. Santa Clara County Educational Visual and Performing Arts – Commissioner Alvarez reported that the organization would like to understand the process and timeline to have a proclamation at City Council.
2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Commissioner Brown reported that they are a very active group. They have plans to have live performances in the late summer/early fall.
3. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute – Chair Garg announced that in conjunction with the Each Once Teach One workshops, there will be GARE workshops on April 23rd and on May 14th from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. She noted that if anyone is interested in registering for the workshops, please reach out to Arlene Biala.

F. Commission Communications

Commissioners shared various announcements and updates.

The next regular meeting will be held virtually on May 17, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR