

Meeting Minutes
May 17, 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, Audrey Rumsby, Charlie McCollum, Lynne Rosenthal, Trami Cron, Bryce Lynch, Richard James, and John Callison.

ABSENT: Commissioners Lynne Brown and Elizabeth Alvarez

STAFF: Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Art Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, Sr. Art Program Coordinator Arlene Biala, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Chief Economic Development and Land Use Officer Kelly Kline (Mayor), Council Community Relations Coordinator Patricia Ceja (D3), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Public Comment

Member of the public Dave Poeschel and Shani made comments regarding to the environmental concerns with the installation of the Light Tower.

III. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 19, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 19, 2021 were approved. (7-0-4). (Commissioners Callison and Rumsby abstained). (Commissioners Alvarez and Brown were absent).

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. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner noted that Councilmember Carrasco's office is undergoing staff changes and

will reach out to see who is the new liaison to report out during Arts Commission meetings.

B. Chair's report

Chair Smita Garg reported that May is a busy season for the City as they are working on the budget. She reported that she sent the letter that was approved by the full Commission to all of the Councilmembers again as a friendly notice to include arts in their budget. Chair Garg also noted that there are open seats for the Commission to serve on the Cornerstone of the Arts committee. She asked Commissioners to send an email to Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv if they would like to serve on the committee. Lastly, she introduced new Arts Commissioner John Callison who was appointed to the D6 seat. Commissioner Callison introduced himself and provided a brief background.

C. Office of Cultural Affairs monthly report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner highlighted items from the OCA monthly report. She acknowledged staff from the Mayor's office and Councilmember Peralez's office for attending tonight's Arts Commission meeting. She provided an update with regards to the Santa Clara County moving into the yellow tier. This means that more businesses will be able to open as things are slowly starting to go back to normalcy. In addition, she announced that public meetings will return in August with a hybrid format. She also provided an update to the timeline of the deaccession process for the Thomas Fallon statue.

V. Business

A. It is recommended the Commission receive an update on the Operating Budget for FY 2021-2022

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided an update. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rumsby, seconded by Commissioner James, the recommendation for the Commission to receive an update on the Operating Budget for FY 2021-2022 was approved. (9-0-2) (Commissioners Alvarez and Brown were absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

B. It is recommended that the Commission take action to:

1. Approve the recommended strategy for a phased release of FY 2021-2022 grant recommendations, (with priority going to the Operating Grants program with 1.2M available in projected TOT); and

2. Approve the recommendation to use potential COVID-19 federal relief funding from the American Rescue Plan to release FY 2021-2022 grant recommendations for the Operating Grants; take pART Grants; and Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented from the memo. Sr. Arts Program Coordinators Arlene Biala and Emily Sevier provided additional comments. They were all available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Cron, seconded by Commissioner Araujo the recommendation for the Commission take action to:

1. Approve the recommended strategy for a phased release of FY 2021-2022 grant recommendations, (with priority going to the Operating Grants program with 1.2M available in projected TOT); and
2. Approve the recommendation to use potential COVID-19 federal relief funding from the American Rescue Plan to release FY 2021-2022 grant recommendations for the Operating Grants; take pART Grants; and Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants was approved. (9-0-2) (Commissioners Alvarez and Brown were absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

B. Standing reports

1. Executive Committee – Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo
Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo provided a brief report on the most recent meeting. He reported that the Committee had a brief on the protocol for companies to film in San Jose and artists artwork.
2. Public Art Committee – Committee Chair Lynne Brown
 - a. Committee Vice Chair Audrey Rumsby provided a report on the most recent study session meeting regarding to the Thomas Fallon statue.
 - b. Review the Five-Year Public Art Work Plan as part of the FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie presented with a PowerPoint Presentation. He was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Cron, seconded by Commissioner Araujo the recommendation for the Commission to review the Five-Year Public Art Work Plan as part of the FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget was approved. (9-0-2) (Commissioners Alvarez and Brown were absent).

D. Commission Liaison Reports

1. San Jose Arts Advocates – Commissioner McCollum reported that they are extremely active and supporting the funding for the arts from Governor Gavin Newsom. In addition, they are having an online series meeting with Councilmembers to discuss about the arts in their districts.
2. Silicon Valley Creates – Vice Chair Araujo reported on the Business of Arts and Culture meeting.
3. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute – Chair Garg announced that the Each Once Teach One workshops are completed.

F. Commission Communications

Commissioners had no announcements.

VI. The next regular meeting will be held virtually on June 21, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR