

Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Garg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:33 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, John Callison, Lynne Brown, and Elizabeth Alvarez.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Art Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, Sr. Art Program Coordinator Arlene Biala, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Policy Aide Brisa Moreno (D5), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Public Comment

There were no comments made on the floor.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 17, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rumsby, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 17, 2021 were approved. (7-0-4). (Commissioners Brown and Alvarez abstained as they were absent).

Commissioner James requested to make an amendment under item V.C. He asked to include a note that Commissioner Smita Garg and Juan Carlos Araujo were the only two incumbents who will be running for FY 2021-2022 Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair. The Commission agreed.

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

IV. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison's Report

Policy Aide Brisa Moreno provided a report on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco. She reported that Councilmember Carrasco has put forward Budget Documents to

the full Council. She thanked Commissioners for meeting with their Councilmembers about their concern on the budget for the arts.

B. Chair's report

Chair Smita Garg reported that today is Make Music Day. She hoped that everyone had a chance to participate in today's event before the Arts Commission meeting. She noted the Mayor has released his June Budget Message and thanked all the Commissioners for reaching out to their Councilmembers to include the arts in their budget proposals. It was also noted that the item regarding to the Thomas Fallon Statue will be deferred to another month in the fall. Chair Garg announced that Commissioner Lynne Brown will be leaving the Arts Commission and Senior Arts Program Coordinator Arlene Biala will be retiring from the City. Various Commissioners provided comments and thanked Lynne Brown and Arlene Biala for their service. Commissioner Lynne Brown and Senior Arts Program Coordinator Arlene Biala provided a few comments and bid their farewell.

C. Office of Cultural Affairs monthly report

1. OCA Monthly report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner highlighted items from the OCA monthly report. She noted that more businesses are starting to open again as we continue to strive through the pandemic. City Hall is expected to open again in August and Boards and Commission meetings will resume in-person in October. She also noted that the meetings will be hybrid as well. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner announced and recognized Senior Arts Program Coordinator Arlene Biala on her retirement from the City of San Jose. She also announced that City Manager Dave Sykes will be retiring from the City at the end of July.

2. Commission Recognition

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner thanked and recognized Chair Garg and Vice Chair Araujo for their leadership in FY 2020-2021. She and the Commission are thrilled that Chair Garg and Vice Chair Araujo will continue their leadership roles in FY 2021-2022. In addition, Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner thanked Lynne Brown for her service as an Arts Commissioner and for being the Chair of the Public Art Committee. She gave a shout out to Commissioner Brown's husband for always attending the meetings.

V. Business

A. To receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the cultural arts programs.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided an update. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission. Senior Arts Program Coordinator Arlene provided additional comments and brief overview of the recommendation for each grant program.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Lynch, the recommendation to receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the cultural arts programs was approved. (10-0-1) (Commissioners Alvarez was not present).

Commission discussion ensued.

Motion A: To receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the Operating Grant program.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Cron, the recommendation to receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the Operating Grant program was approved. (10-0-1) (Commissioners Alvarez was not present).

Commission discussion ensued.

Motion B: To receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the Festival, Parade and Celebrations program.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the recommendation to receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the Operating Grant program was approved. (8-0-3). (Commissioners Juan and Cron abstained). (Commissioner Alvarez was not present).

Commission discussion ensued.

Motion C: To receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the take pART program.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the recommendation to receive and accept the report on the FY 2021-2022 Mayor's June Budget message and the recommendation for the take pART program was approved. (6-0-5) (Commissioners Brown, Cron, McCollum, and Rumsby abstained). (Commissioner Alvarez was not present).

Commission discussion ensued.

- B. It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve the selections for the 2021 Cornerstone of the Arts Award and Creative Impact Award.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented from the memo. Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv provided additional comments regarding to the event. Both were available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Cron, the recommendation for the Arts Commission approve the selections for the 2021 Cornerstone of the Arts Award and Creative Impact Award was approved. (10-0-1) (Commissioner Alvarez was not present).

C. Elections Committee

1. Annual Elections for positions of Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2021-2022.

Committee Chair James provided a brief background of the roles for Arts Commission Chair and Vice Chair. He announced that current Chair Smita Garg and Vice Chair Juan Carlos Araujo have been nominated to continue their leadership roles into FY 2021-2022.

Amendment: Upon a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Cron, the recommendation the for the Arts Commission to accept both Chair and Vice Chair to be voted together was approved. (10-0-1) (Commissioner Alvarez was not present).

D. Commission Liaison Reports

1. Team San Jose – Commissioner Rumsby provided a report that Team San Jose is looking forward to collaborating with music groups for the upcoming music festival. Also, Team San Jose will be a host site for the virtual Van Gogh Art.
2. Multicultural Arts Leadership Institute – Chair Garg announced that MALI has started their 13th class. However, they are unsure about their annual trip due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions. MALI is excited that they have been selected to receive the Creative Impact Award.

F. Commission Communications

Commissioners provided various announcements and updates.

VI. *No meeting in July. The next regular meeting will be held virtually on August 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM.*

VII. Adjournment

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR