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MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

Meeting Location

San José City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara St.
Room T-1446

Meeting Time

12:00 p.m.

Committee Attendees: Lindsey Kouvaris, Walter Lin, Mazyar Lotfalian, Sachin Radhakrishnan, and Joey Reyes

Absent: Charlene Duval

Staff: Lynn Rogers, Robin Treen

Other Attendees: Trami Cron, Chopsticks Alley;

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM
2. **OPEN FORUM – PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.
3. **MINUTES**
 - A. **ACTION:** Approved minutes for the regular meeting on March 6, 2018.
Mvd/2nd: L. Kouvaris/W. Lin. Passed: 4 yes; 0 no; 1 Abstention (M. Lotfalian was not present at that meeting.)
4. **STAFF REPORT**
 - L. Rogers
 - a. Provided update on status of program and related matters.

5. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. ACTION: Approved *Salt Stained II*, an exhibition featuring the artwork of four Southeast Asian artists for display in Council Wing Gallery.

Presented by Trami Cron, President, Chopsticks Alley Art.

L. Kouvaris expressed concern about how the exposure to light might affect the works on paper. Per T. Cron, the artists are aware of this and working to use UV protective glass for their artworks.

Discussion about how the artworks by Amanda are large scale and could overshadow smaller works so placement of all works will need careful consideration.

Discussed how to best address display of Polaroid images in one artwork and issues with related text and translation of the text and also of handwritten materials in that artwork. May use reproductions of the Polaroids for conservation.

M. Lotfalian noted that the exhibit featured impressions by young people only and how it did not feature any intergenerational narrative. T. Cron noted that, for this specific exhibit, was somewhat intentional as each artist is showing very personal expression of the “home” theme of the exhibit. This exhibit will be an extension of the Salt Stained exhibit recently displayed at Art Objects Gallery in Japantown.

Mvd/2nd: S. Radhakrishnan/L. Kouvaris. Passed: 5 yes; 0 no.

- B. ACTION: Approved an exhibition of selected reproductions of historic posters drawn from the Special Collections of the San José Public Library for display in the Traffic Information Management Center.

Presented by Robin Treen, City Hall Exhibits curator.

Discussion about timing and how the sidewalk in front of the TIMC is functionally closed to through traffic due to the adjacent construction project, which will continue at least through Spring, 2020. This means there will be lower volume of pedestrian traffic as all are routed to cross street in front of Employee Parking Garage. It was noted however that the current, longstanding exhibit is in very poor condition so needs a change. L. Rogers noted that the long term plan, for after the posters exhibit, is to commission some semi-permanent mural work for those window.

Mvd/2nd: L. Kouvaris/J. Reyes. Passed: 5 yes; 0 no.

- C. DISCUSSION:

Discussion about upcoming call for exhibit proposals was postponed due to lack of time.

6. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Update on current “Hidden Heritages” history exhibit (Tower Lobby Gallery)
R. Treen provided an update on the installation of the exhibit.
- B. Update on current Sister City Exhibit (Rotunda Foyer Gallery)
R. Treen provided an update on the status of the current exhibit.

7. COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:32p.m.

Recorded by: _____
Lynn Rogers, Sr. Program Officer

Approved by Committee:

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Lynn Rogers