

Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2021

## **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Garg called the virtual meeting to order at 5:31 pm. She provided a brief land acknowledgement.

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Smita Garg, Juan Carlos Araujo, Charlie McCollum, Lynne Rosenthal, Bryce Lynch, Richard James, John Callison, and Trami Cron.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Audrey Rumsby.

**STAFF:** Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, and Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

## **II. Public Comment**

No public comments were made on the floor.

## **III. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 18, 2021.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 18, 2021 were approved. (6-0-9). (Commissioners Rumsby was absent.) (Commissioners Cron recused and Commissioner Callison was not present).

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

## **IV. Reports and Information Only**

A. Council Liaison's Report

Councilmember Carasco had no report.

B. Presentation: Children's Discovery Museum

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a brief introduction of Executive Director Marilee Jennings. Executive Director Marilee Jennings presented with a PowerPoint Presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

C. Chair's report

Chair Smita Garg provided a brief report. She reported that the City Council voted unanimously to remove the *Thomas Fallon Statue*. The storage location of the statue is under interdepartmental staff review. She is extremely excited that many businesses have opened and that cultural events are taking place in San Jose again. Chair Garg announced that *Sonic Runway* opened in early November.

D. Office of Cultural Affairs monthly report

1. OCA Monthly report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported from the written OCA monthly report. She provided a brief update regarding to the City Council's final action regarding to the *Thomas Fallon Statue*. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported on her recent travel to the CODASummit, a conference dedicated to the intersection of technology and public art. She also announced the recruitment for the Director of Arts Industry Support, which will oversee the section dedicated to arts grants, California Venues Grant Program, and the OCA's recent Packard Foundation Grant award.

**V. Business**

1. To review and accept the panel's recommendation of the following 2022 Creative Ambassadors: Stephanie Barajas, Richard Cortez, Dana Harris Seegar, Eric Hayslett, Amy Hibbs, and Brandon Luu.

Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier presented from the memo.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Araujo, seconded by Commissioner Cron, the recommendation to review and accept the panel's recommendation of the following 2022 Creative Ambassadors: Stephanie Barajas, Richard Cortez, Dana Harris Seegar, Eric Hayslett, Amy Hibbs, and Brandon Luu was approved. (6-0-3). (Commissioner Rumsby was absent). (Commissioners James and Callison were not present during the vote).

2. Arts Commission Retreat

The Commission discussed and provided potential topics for the Arts Commission retreat. The Commission also discussed potential locations for the retreat and whether the meeting will take place physically in person. Commissioners Araujo suggested to create a subcommittee to discuss and finalize the agenda for retreat. Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Araujo and Lynch volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

3. Standing Reports

A. Executive Committee Report

1. Committee Chair Juan Carlos Araujo had no report.

B. Public Art Committee

1. Committee Chair Audrey Rumsby had no report as she was absent.

C. Commission Liaison Report

1. Commissioner Rosenthal provided a brief report on SVCCreates. She noted that SVCCreates has doubled their annual grantmaking, OCA has partnered with AFTA for the economic impact study, and Content Magazine will be having their party pick-up on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Commissioner Cron announced that Artist Cynthia Cao exhibit, A Taste of Home, is currently on view at SJSU.
3. Chair Garg provided a brief report on MALI and their plans for 2022.

D. Commission Communications

Commissioners provided various announcements and updates.

**VI.** *No meeting in December. The next regular meeting will be held virtually on January 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair Garg adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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SMITA GARG, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR