

Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair Lynne Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm with a land acknowledgment. She welcomed Commissioner Anthony Cordova back to the Arts Commission meetings.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Smita Garg, Charlie McCollum, Lynne Rosenthal, Jonathan Borca, Anthony Cordova, and Shelby Taketa

ABSENT: Janett Peace (Excused)

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Director of Special Events Melina Iglesias, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Beth Tobey, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Danielle Siembieda, Arts Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao, Community Relations Diego Martinez (D3), City Attorney Leanne Bolano, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 17, 2023.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, seconded by Commissioner Garg, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 17, 2023, were approved. (6-0-1). (Commissioner Peace was absent).

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

III. Reports and Information Only

- A. Council Liaison Report

Community Relations Diego Martinez provided a brief report on behalf of Councilmember Torres. He reported that Councilmember Torres attended the opening reception for *Stay Together for the Kids. An earnest attempt at keeping it together* at Empire Seven Studios and other various events within the past weeks. Currently, the office is busy since it is the budget season.

- B. Chair's Report

Chair Lynne Rosenthal reported on her recent meeting with the SJSU's Dean of College of Humanities and Arts Shannon Miller. She applauded former Commissioner

Trami Cron for the ongoing public service announcements about Chopstick's Alley. She also reported on her attendance at various events within the past weeks.

C. Director's Report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported highlights from the OCA monthly report. She reported that OCA is finalizing the grant agreements for the Rental Subsidies Fund for small and mid-sized arts organizations in San Jose. The Creative Industries Incentive Funds has been renamed to Creative Economy Fund. Applications for the grant program will open on May 31, 2023. She announced that deadline to submit nominations for the Cornerstone of the Arts Awards is on Friday, May 12 at 5:00 pm. CityDance will launch next month at the Circle of Palms. The event will take place every third Thursday of each month. She also announced that Make Music Day will take place on June 21, *Sunset Sound Bath* will take place at the Sonic Runway on May 25 at 8:00 pm, and the opening reception for the *Road to a Hidden Home* exhibition will take on Tuesday, May 16 at City Hall's Rotunda. Award-winning performer and an Emmy Award-winning composer Van-Anh Ho and the Blood Moon Orchestra will be performing at the opening reception.

IV. Business

A. Review and receive the proposed FY 2023-24 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Program and Services.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented with a PowerPoint Presentation.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner McCollun, seconded by Commissioner Borca, the recommendation to review and receive the proposed FY 2023-24 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Program and Services was approved. (6-0-1). (Commissioner Peace was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

Member of the public, Paul Soto from the Horseshoe, commented that the City does not have a racial equity metric as a tool when making budget allocations and a working racial equity definition. He would like to see a racial equity metric in the future for all City departments to use as a tool, especially when reviewing grant applications.

B. FY 2023-24 Grant Recommendations for Cultural Funding Portfolio

1. Recommend that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 2023-24 Festival, Parade and Celebration Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2023-24 Operating Budget.

Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Beth Tobey provided a verbal report from the memo.

Action: No action was taken on the item as there were no quorum. Commissioners Borca recused himself due to conflict of interest and Commissioner Peace was absent. Recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

Member of the public, Paul Soto from the Horseshoe, asks that Commissioners to be more transparent when recusing themselves from the action item. He also made additional comments regarding to the racial equity metric and removal of murals.

2. Recommend that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed FY 2023-24 take pART Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2023-24 Operating Budget.

Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Beth Tobey provided a verbal report from the memo.

Action: No action was taken on the item as there were no quorum. Commissioners Borca and McCollum recused themselves due to conflict of interest and Commissioner Peace was absent. Recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

Member of the public, Paul Soto from the Horseshoe, wanted further clarification with the BIPOC terminology.

3. Recommend that the Arts Commission recommend that City Council approve the proposed FY 2023-24 Operating Grant awards as specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2023-24 Operating Budget.

Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera provided a verbal report from the memo.

Action: No action was taken on the item as there were no quorum. Commissioners Borca and McCollum recused themselves due to conflict of interest and Commissioner Peace was absent. Recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for final approval.

C. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee
Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal had no report.
2. Public Art Committee
 - a. Committee Chair Charlie McCollum had no report as a meeting did not occur last month. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6.

3. Commission Liaison report
 - A. City Hall Exhibits – Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers provided a brief update on the current and upcoming exhibitions.
 - B. MALI – Commissioner Garg reported that SJ Taiko is celebrating 50 years. MALI Class 14 will finish up in Spring and MALI Class 15 will begin soon. There is a total of 145 alumni MALI members.
4. Commission Communications
Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

V. Public Comments

There were no comments made on the floor.

VI. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held in person and virtually on May 15, 2023.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

LYNNE ROSENTHAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR