

ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

5:30 PM

Monday, September 21, 2015

City Hall, Wing Rooms 119 & 120

Meeting was audio-recorded.

(a) Call to Order & Roll Call

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 PM by Chair P. Allen

Roll Call:

Present: Peter Allen (Chair), Nicholas Adams, Lynne Brown, Roma Dawson, Albert Le, Leanne Lindelof (left at 7:09 PM), Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Freya Seeburger, Ramona Snyder

Commission Council Liaison: none

Absent: Richard James (Ex.)

City Staff attending: Kerry Adams Hapner (OCA), Lynn Rogers (OCA); Tina Iv (OCA); Omar Torres (District 5)

(b) Announcements

(1) From the Public (e.g., event announcements)

- (a) Thomas Ingalz, representing Silicon Valley Arts Coalition reported on the recent annual “Fete the Arts” benefit event; no one from City or Commission attended. 12th Annual Arts Panorama event will happen on January 22.
- (b) Thomas Ingalz, representing Mission Chamber Orchestra announced 20th anniversary celebration at Petit Trianon
- (c) Thomas Ingalz, representing Noon Arts & Lectures announced expansion of series and funding.

(2) From Commission members

- (a) T. Morrill shared neighborhood “love letters” written to the artist in regards to his artwork being tagged. Admired that the community valued and appreciate the artwork in the neighborhood.
- (b) R. Muriera commented on the chalk artwork at the Luna Chalk Art Festival. He also announced that Arts and Educational Week was September 13-19. He suggested that next year, Arts Commissioners should consider doing something to bring awareness and celebration for the Arts & Education week. R. Muriera also announced October is National Arts month; suggested to be in preparation to bring awareness of Arts in San Jose.
- (c) L. Brown reported that, as part of a small presentation Councilmember Khamis had for the District 10 community, she provided information about the work and projects that Arts Commissioners do in the community. She also commented on the Tabard Theatre’s Homeward Bound play and the Arts & Wine Festival.
- (d) R. Snyder reported various events at the St. James Park. Events were good, but would like to see more in attendance. She also commented on the Luna Chalks Arts Festival.
- (e) R. Dawson reported that Karina Lorena, founder of the Luna Chalk Art Festival, is recovering from a serious head injury received earlier this year in an accident. She also noted the “*Using Arts to Define Our Parks*” title on the front cover of parks and recreations magazine, noting the ground swell out of Philadelphia and that she hopes San Jose will continue theme of “Art being a Key Part in our Parks.”

- (f) A. Le announced the Viva CalleSJ event will be on Sunday, October 11th. He mentioned parts of downtown and Story road will be closed off for the community to ride their bikes, walk, run, or even dance at the event. A. Le also noted that his group will be performing in Little Saigon. K. Adams Hapner added that OCA will be commissioning three live murals with Two Fish Designs at the event.
- (g) N. Adams acknowledged T. Morrill for all of the great work she has done as a Public Art Committee Chair. He also announced National Geographic will be taking images for the Rotary Play Garden and San Jose will be receiving national coverage as the world's best play ground.
- (h) Chair Allen announced Teatro's upcoming show *Macario* in October. He also commented the *Macario* screening at the Mexican Heritage Plaza had a great attendance of over 100 people.

(c) **ACTION: Approval of Minutes for meeting of August 17, 2015**

Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson/ R. Muriera; Passed 11 yes; 0 no.

(d) Council Liaison's Report

Omar Torres (D-5 staff member) provided a brief report on behalf of Councilmember Carrasco.

(e) Chair's Report

(1) Chair Peter Allen provided report of events at various locations.

(f) PRESENTATION: SJ Youth Shakespeare

Presentation was made by Audrey Rumsby, Associate Artistic Director with additional comments by ensemble member Nathan Sandoval; ensemble also presented short scenes.

(g) PRESENTATION: Brown Act, Gift Policy and Ethics Policy Overview for Commissioners and related matters

Presentation was made by Elizabeth Klotz, Deputy City Attorney

(h) UPDATE: 2015 Cornerstone of the Arts event

K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs provided an update on the 2015 Cornerstone of the Arts event to honor Carmen and Al Castellano that will be held in the California Theatre on Friday, October 2, at 5:30 PM. Committee of OCA staff working with P. Allen and L. Brown are planning the event.

L. Brown again asked for Commissioners to volunteer to help with hospitality and registration.

K. Adams Hapner suggested on adding different categories to next year's Cornerstone of the Arts Award. Requested to discuss the different ideas at the November retreat. Chair Allen agreed.

(i) Executive Committee

- (1) No report – Committee Chair R. James was absent.
- (2) Update on November retreat: none.

(j) Public Art Committee

- (1) Committee Chair T. Morrill provided report on most recent meeting.
- (2) Chair provided the following announcements:
 - (a) Announced the upcoming PEEP Project. The PEEP art project uses an installation in a shipping container to raise awareness about human trafficking and slave labor. Project is expected to be completed in January 2016.

(j) Standing Reports

- (1) Office of Cultural Affairs
 - (a) K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs presented the monthly report from the Office of Cultural Affairs with update on the Levitt Pavilion; she reported that things are proceeding with the contract between the City and San Jose State University for use of the Hammer Theater and that OCA staff has been overseeing facility assessment and equipment

testing as part of the process; goal is for a “soft launch sometime in Fall, 2015 along with a contract update to Council.

(b) Announcements:

- (i) A dedication date is being planned to celebrate Lupe the Mammoth, and for the media and stakeholders for Phase I of the Illuminating Downtown Project: *Sensing Water and Sensing You* by Dan Corson. More details to follow.
- (ii) Show your stripes, Urban Screen, and Lanterns on San Carlos are all part of the bright light projects that are coming on line soon.
- (iii) The Levi’s stadium will be hosting the NFC champions who are competing in Super Bowl 50. The teams will be practicing at San Jose State stadium prior to the event.
- (iv) The SAP Pavilion will be hosting Media Day for international media to host interviews and allows others to meet football players.
- (v) Provided updates from Sundance, Utah. Participated in Americans for the Arts Executive Leadership forum where talked about the roles of the Arts and Civic community issues
- (vi) Housing acquisition of property from SARA for affordable housing for artists was on the Council agenda. Will provide a report back in the next meeting if Council has approved the proposal.

(2) Arts Commission Liaisons

- (a) City Hall Exhibits Committee – No report: R. James was absent
- (b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – A. Le had no report.
- (c) Silicon Valley Creates – Chair Allen read R. James report. Silicon Valley Creates is moving ahead with its construction on the arts facility in Japantown. Facility will house four anchor tenants, up to fifteen other groups, and provide rehearsal/workshop space on rental basis. SVC is in partnership with Valley Medical Foundation to have the women’s and children’s center undergo an arts and culture makeover with the theme of healing power with the arts.
- (d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – No report. L. Lindelof left before this item.
- (e) San Jose Downtown Association – R. Snyder had no report, but noted she had done outreach to SJDA staff and is still working to find the right contact person.
- (f) Team San Jose – R. Dawson had no report

(k) Public Forum.
None.

(l) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM by Chair P. Allen

Minutes recorded by T. Iv (OCA)