

**ARTS COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES**

**5:30 PM**

**Monday, November 16, 2015**

**City Hall, 17<sup>th</sup> Fl. T-1734**

**Meeting was audio-recorded.**

Pre-meeting hospitality and icebreaker was held from 5:00 – 5:30 PM.

(a) Call to Order & Roll Call

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 PM by Chair P. Allen.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present: Peter Allen (Chair); Richard James (Vice Chair); Nicholas Adams, Lynne Brown, Roma Dawson, , Albert Le, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Freya Seeburger, Ramona Snyder**

**Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Magdalena Carrasco, District 5**

**Absent: Leanne Lindelof**

**City Staff: Kerry Adams Hapner (OCA); Lynn Rogers (OCA); Emily Sevier (OCA); Tammy Turnipseed (OCA); Jennifer Easton (OCA); Karen Park (OCA); Arlene Biala (OCA); Tina Iv (OCA)**

(b) Agenda Review – Chair P. Allen

(1) Chair P. Allen reviewed the Retreat Agenda.

(c) Report: City Council Liaison – Hon. Magdalena Carrasco, Councilmember

Report made by Councilmember Carrasco. She announced that the State approved designated Cultural Districts. It will help change the dynamics of some districts and provide funding mechanism for art works throughout the city. Councilmember Carrasco also announced that on December 8, 2015 the City Council will have the budget priority setting meeting.

(d) **ACTION: Approval of Minutes for regular meeting of October 19, 2015. Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson/N. Adams: 10 yes; 0 No.**

(e) Standing Reports:

(1) Chair's Report – Chair P. Allen provided a brief report on Opera San Jose's performance "*The Marriage of Figaro*."

(2) Office of Cultural Affairs – K. Adams Hapner presented the monthly report from the Office of Cultural Affairs. She provided updates on the Hammer Theatre and announced that the memo for the Hammer Theatre will be on the Council Agenda on December 1, 2015. K. Adams Hapner also announced that the launch of Illuminating Downtown San Jose will occur in mid-December.

(f) Presentation: "Building Public Will for the Arts" – Update on Phase Two of the Initiative.

Presentation made by K. Adams Hapner.

(g) Discussion: Building relationships for arts and culture in San Jose with elected officials and other community leaders.

Discussion led by Chair P. Allen and R. Muriera, Arts Commissioner.

Commission discussion topics:

- Update on the use of Commissioner title – as a whole, or individual

- Making presentations to community group/settings
- Relationships with elected officials – Arts Commissioner leadership/ Arts Commissioner appointed by district.
- Arts Commission and upcoming policy/budget decisions by the City Council for the remainder of 2015-16.

(h) Discussion: Cornerstone of the Arts – Expanding Possibilities.

Discussion led by K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs.

(i) Final Thoughts and Conclusion

Discussion led by Chair P. Allen.

(j) Public Forum: None

(k) Adjourn

A moment of silence to honor the victims of the attack in Paris, France. Meeting was officially adjourned at 9:10 PM by Chair Allen.

Minutes recorded by T. Iv (OCA)