

ARTS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

5:30 PM

Monday, May 16, 2016

City Hall, Wing Rooms 119 & 120

Meeting was audio-recorded.

Call to Order & Roll Call

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:36 PM by Chair P. Allen

Roll Call:

Present: Peter Allen (left during item f.1), Nicholas Adams (arrived during item b.1), Lynne Brown, Roma Dawson, Richard James, Albert Le, Leanne Lindelof, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Freya Seeburger, Ramona Snyder

Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Magdalena Carrasco, District 5 (not present).

Absent: none

City Staff attending: Kerry Adams Hapner (OCA), Karen Park (OCA), Arlene Biala (OCA), Lynn Rogers (OCA), Mary Rubin (OCA), Tina Iv (OCA), Emily Sevier (OCA), Jessie Quijada (D5), Patricia Ceja (D3)

(b) Announcements

(1) From the Public:

- (a) Drew Hart announced that The Commons will be presenting *Trap Ballet* on May 20th. The performance will be from 9:00 p.m. – 12 *midnight* at Da Kine Island Grill restaurant. A free prelude performance will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Plaza de Cesar Chavez.
- (b) Tom Ingalz representing Noon Arts & Lectures Series announced that *Joy from Planet Earth to the Firmament* had a good turnout. He thanked Commissioners for attending the concert. He also announced upcoming events in June.

(2) From Commission members

- (a) R. Muriera reported on his attendance at the Legacy of Poetry Day at the Hammer Theatre. He acknowledged A. Biala for her presenting her wonderful poetry. Chair Allen added that it was an honor for him to give Juan Felipe Herrera a commendation from the Mayor's office.
- (b) L. Lindelof reported on her attendance at the Legacy of Poetry Day.
- (c) L. Brown announced an upcoming event called *Los Gatos Plein Air 2016*. The event will take place in mid-June.
- (d) F. Seeburger announced that Juxtapositions is bringing a new youth ensemble called *JAMS (Juxtapositions Avant Music Symphony)*. They are currently seeking string players ages 12-21. The first round of auditions is on June 7th. For more information or to register for the auditions, please visit: www.jams.rock.
- (e) A. Le announced the Asian Pacific American (APA) is hosting a free concert on May 19th in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The concert will take place at the Theatre on San Pedro Square from 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.
- (f) R. James reported on his attendance at the Mission Chamber Orchestra and San Jose Symphonic Choir's concert *Joy from Planet Earth to the Firmament* at the California Theatre.
- (g) Chair P. Allen announce his attendance at the Imagine SJ series and Legacy of Poetry Day. He provided a shout out to Santa Clara County Poet Laureate, Arlene Biala.

- (h) R. Dawson reported on her attendance at the Mission Chamber Orchestra and San Jose Symphonic Choir's concert *Joy from Planet Earth to the Firmament* at the California Theatre. She also acknowledged that the Noon Series and Lecture on Friday was wonderful. R. Dawson also acknowledged Santa Clara County Poet Laureate, Arlene Biala at the Legacy of Poetry Day.
- (i) R. Snyder also provided a shout out to Santa Clara County Poet Laureate, Arlene Biala. She reported on her attendance various performances and events: Children's Musical Theatre musical *Billy Elliot*; Children's Musical Theatre performance *Grease*; Broadway San Jose's musical *Newsies*; and the 2016 Congressional Art Competition Reception.
- (j) N. Adams announced that he will be meeting with a Commissioner in Los Angeles. He noted that Los Angeles is looking to activate spaces in their downtown area; quite similar to Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park in downtown San Jose.
- (k) T. Morrill expressed her experience at Opera San Jose's performance.

(c) **ACTION: Approval of Minutes for meeting of April 18, 2016.**

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

- (d) Council Liaison's Report
No report. A D5 staff member was present, but did not have a report to present to the Commissioners. Ms. Morrill thanked the D5 staff member for attending the Arts Commission meeting.
- (e) Chair's Report
 - (1) Chair Allen provided an update about the Cornerstone of the Arts. Staff member T. Iv noted the total amount of nominations received in each of the category.
- (f) Elections Committee – Nicholas Adams, Chair
 - (1) **ACTION: Held annual election for positions of Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2016-2017.**
N. Adams provided an overview. T. Iv collected the votes and announced the election results: Richard James will be Chair and Ramona Snyder will be Vice Chair.
- (g) Executive Committee
 - (1) Committee Chair R. James reported on the recent meeting.
- (h) **ACTION: Accepted the proposed FY 2016-2017 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Programs and Services.**

Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson/ L. Brown. Motion passed on the 1st amendment.

K. Adams Hapner presented items from the memo and provided a Power Point presentation. Fil Marisca, a representative from Levitt Pavilion, provided a brief update on the Levitt Pavilion.

- 1. The total budget amount in Plaza Activation will be lowered to \$50,000 in order to increase the reserve budget to \$75,000.

Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson/L. Brown; Passed: 8 yes; 0 no; 2 abstained (R. Snyder and L. Lindelof).

- (i) **FY 2016-2017 Grant Recommendations for Cultural Funding Portfolio:**
 - (i) **ACTION: Accepted the recommendation that the Arts Commission recommend that City Council approve 30 proposed FY 2016-2017 Operating Grant awards as specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2016-2017 Operating Budget.**

Mvd/2nd: N. Adams / T. Morrill; Passed: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained. R. Muriera and S. Seeburger recused from this item.

K. Park presented items from the memo. She noted that *Start Art* is a new organization that had applied for the Operating grant.

- (ii) **ACTION: Accepted the recommendation that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the 38 proposed FY 2016-2017 Festival, Parade and Celebration Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's 2016-2017 Operating Budget.**

Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson / R. Snyder; Passed: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstained. R. Muriera and S. Seeburger recused from this item.

A. Biala presented items from the memo.

Ms. Morrill expressed concerns on the illegal fireworks during the Tet Festival. A. Biala noted that the Tet Festival will have to follow the regulations and must obtain permits in order to have fireworks at their festival.

- (iii) **ACTION: Accepted the recommendation that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the 25 proposed FY2016-17 take pART Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's 2016-2017 Operating Budget.**

Mvd/2nd: R. Dawson / L. Brown; Passed: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. R. Muriera and S. Seeburger recused from this item.

A. Biala presented items from the memo.

- (j) Public Art Committee.

- (1) Committee's Chair Report.

T. Morrill reported on the recent meeting.

- (2) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – Status of San Jose Mineta International Airport Public Art Program.**

M. Rubin presented items from the memo.

A motion was made by Commissioner T. Morrill to create an ad hoc committee for the Public Art Program at the San Jose Mineta International Airport.

Mvd/2nd: T. Morrill/ L. Brown; passed: 10 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention

T. Morrill had a question relating to the unused \$3 million for the Public Art Program. K. Adams Hapner provided a clarification.

Frank Sweeney and Sharon Sweeney provided additional comments relating to the status of the Public Art Program at San Jose Mineta International Airport and supported the idea of creating an Ad Hoc Committee.

Acting Chair R. James asked Commissioners to volunteer on the ad hoc committee; Commissioners T. Morrill, R. Snyder, and L. Brown volunteered.

- (k) Standing Reports

- (1) Office of Cultural Affairs

(a) Monthly report - K. Adams Hapner presented the OCA monthly report.

(b) Additional announcements: ‘

- (i) 6 weeks ago, an information session meeting was held for non-profits in the Vietnamese community on how they can receive funding from the City.

- (ii) Last Monday, OCA held an information session meeting with Councilmember Tam Nguyen for Vietnamese artists. Councilmember Tam Nguyen is currently in the process of planning a showcase for Vietnamese artists.
- (iii) Teri Kilgore is leaving San Jose for her new role as Assistant City Manager of Vallejo. As a result, Kerry Adams Hapner will be the Team San Jose liaison.
- (iv) The Swings will be coming to Plaza de Cesar Chavez for a period of eight weeks. San Jose is the only City from the West side of the country to have the Swings. A video of the Swings will be shown at the June Arts Commission meeting.

(2) Arts Commission Liaisons (2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated)

- (a) City Hall Exhibits Committee – R. James had no report.
- (b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition –A. Le had no report.
- (c) Silicon Valley Creates – R. James had no report.
- (d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – L. Lindelof reported that SOFAC discussed about the Pierce project. She also reported that the illuminating cloud structure is set for June.
- (e) San Jose Downtown Association – R. Snyder had no report.
- (f) Team San Jose – R. Dawson had no report.

(l) Public Forum

- (i) None.

(m) Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM by acting Chair R. James.

RICHARD JAMES, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR