
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Chair James called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in Wing room 119 and 120 of City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, CA 95113.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Nicholas Adams, Charlie McCollum, Chris Morrish, Tina Morrill, Albert Le, Leanne Lindelof, Ron Muriera, Richard James, Ramona Snyder, Lynne Brown, Roma Dawson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Senior Arts Program Manager Karen Park, Senior Arts Program Manager Arlene Biala, Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv, Council Assistant Patricia Ceja (D3), Council Assistant Barbara Gould (D5).

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments on the floor.

III. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 27, 2017.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by McCollum, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 27, 2017 were approved with Commissioner Dawson edits to include in the language “No report was made due to the lack of meeting notification.” (10-0-1. Lindelof was not present at this time).

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

IV. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liason’s Report

Council Assistant Barbara Gould presented the report on behalf of Vice Mayor Carrasco.

B. Chair’s report

Chair James thanked Commissioners, especially Commissioner Muriera, for taking the time to meet with Councilmembers to provide them background information about the Private Percent for Art. He noted that Vice Mayor Carrasco is very courageous to continue to bring the item forward each year to Council. Chair James noted that he would like the Public Art Committee to take upon the Private Percent for Art item and begin a discussion on how to push the item forward for next year. He also noted that perhaps an ad hoc committee should be created in the near future to begin working on a strategic plan to get the Private Percent for Art prioritized. Commissioners agreed.

C. PRESENTATION: School of Arts and Culture at MHP

Executive Director Tamara Alvarado presented a video and provided additional comments about the organization.

Documents filed: [Video presentation, dated March 20, 2017, entitled "Mayferia."](#)

D. Appointment of Cornerstone of the Arts Committee.

Chair James asked the Commissioners to volunteer to be on the Cornerstone of the Arts committee. Commissioners McCollum, Lindelof, and Brown volunteered to be on the committee.

E. Arts Commission vacancies and recruitment.

Chair James made the announcement of the upcoming vacancy for District 1 seat. He noted that the last day to submit an application is on April 3, 2017.

F. Executive Committee

Committee Chair Snyder had no report since a meeting did not occur.

G. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Muriera announced that the next Public Art Committee meeting will take place in April. He also announced that the reception to celebrate the reinstallation of Tom Otterness' *Another World* will take place on March 21, 2017 at the De Anza Hotel. Committee Chair Muriera reported that the *End of Watch* panel completed its convening. He noted that the panel selected artist Gordon Huether for the *End of Watch* project. He also reported that Teddy Cruz's *Urban Room* will be completed in May.

V. Business

A. Verbal Update: Budget process FY 2017-18 and Mayor's Budget Message.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided an update on the Mayor's Budget Message. She was able to answer questions and provide clarifications to the Commissioners.

Documents filed: [March Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.](#)

B. Review and approve the recommendation to the City Council that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Operating Budget for the Cultural Funding Portfolio reflect the

following recommended percentage levels, subject to available funding: 78.25% for the *Operating Grants* (OpG), 7.75% for *take pART* Grants, and 14.00% for *Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants* (FPC), and that Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) staff and grant review panels follow the recommended percentages in developing grant award recommendations to City Council.

Senior Arts Program Manager Karen Park presented items from the memo and was available to answer questions from the Commission.

Action: Upon the motion by Commissioner Dawson, seconded by Commissioner Muriera, and carried unanimously, the Commission approved the recommendation to the City Council that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Operating Budget for the Cultural Funding Portfolio reflect the following recommended percentage levels, subject to available funding: 78.25% for the *Operating Grants* (OpG), 7.75% for *take pART* Grants, and 14.00% for *Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants* (FPC), and that Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) staff and grant review panels follow the recommended percentages in developing grant award recommendations to City Council. (10-0-1. Morrish recused.)

Commission discussion ensued. Commissioner Dawson commented on adding a creative placemaking grant in the future. Commissioners agreed.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Arts Advocay Day

Commission discussion ensued.

A recommendation was brought forward to delegate the Chair the authority to write the letter to the Rules and Open Government Committee at the appropriate time indicating concern for the overall budget, but in particular Arts Commission concerning the elimination of the National Endowments for the Arts (NEA) funding.

Action: Upon the motion by Commissioner Dawson, seconded by Commissioner Adams, and carried unanimously, the Commission approved the motion to delegate to the Chair the authority to write the letter to the Rules Committee at the appropriate time indicating concern for the overall budget, but in particular Arts Commission concerning the elmination of the National Endowments for the Arts (NEA) funding. (11-0-0).

D. Standing Reports

1. Office of Cultural Affairs

Director of Cultural Affairs presented highlights from the OCA report. She announced that Make Music Day will take place on June 21, 2017.

2. Arts Commission Liasons (*2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated*)

a. City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner Morrill had no report.

b. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Commissioner Brown had no report as a meeting did not occur.


- c. Silicon Valley Creates – Chair James had no report as a meeting did not occur.
 - d. Levitt Pavilion Committee – Commissioner Dawson had no report.
 - e. Hammer Theatre Committee – Chair James announced that Lisa Vollendorf will be leaving her position in June. He reported that the Hammer Theatre is installing a constellation sound in the theatre. Chair James announced that the following will be performing at the Hammer Theatre: San Jose State University will perform *Seminar*, *Catalyst Quartet* will be performing a concert, National Theatre Live will showcase *Hedda Gabler*, and the San Jose Jazz Summer Fest will be returning at the Hammer Theatre featuring Will Calhoun.
 - f. South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – Commissioner Lindelof had no report since she did not receive an update on the changes from the last meeting.
 - g. San Jose Downtown Association – Commissioner Snyder reported that the San Jose Downtown Association is on the final stages for the Doors competition. Save the Date on May 4th at 6:00 pm.
 - h. San Jose Creates and Connects – Commissioner Muriera has no report. He announced that the next meeting will take place on March 29.
 - i. Team San Jose – Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported that the OCA is making recommendations to revise the Team San Jose performance metrics. Recommendations will be presented at the Community Economic Development Committee meeting in April and will be cross referenced at the City Council meeting in early May.
3. Commission Communications
- Various Commissioners announced upcoming events and performances that were taking place in March and April.
- a. The San Jose Musical Theatre will be hosting the fundraiser concert *Hooray for Hollywood* on March 26.
 - b. City Lights Theater will perform *Frankenstein* starting on March 23 through April 23.
 - c. Teresa Alvarado will be speaking at SPUR’s dialogue about how Ireland’s arts successes can translate to San Jose on March 27.
 - d. The San Jose Stage Company will perform *Memory Stick* on April 5.
 - e. The Symphony Silicon Valley will perform *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* concert from March 31 through April 2.

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be on April 17, 2017 at 5:30 PM in Wing Rooms 119 and 120.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair James adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



RICHARD JAMES, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY



TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR