

Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2018

## **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

### **Call to Order**

Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in Wing Room 120 at City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, CA 95113.

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Smita Garg, Ron Muriera, Ramona Snyder, Charlie McCollum, Mazyar Lotfalian, Leanne Lindelof, Roma Dawson, Richard James (arrived under item II), Albert Le (arrived under item IV.B), and Lynne Brown.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Events Director Tammy Turnipseed, Sr. Events Coordinator Brian Clampitt, Events Coordinator II Nathan Rees, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier, Policy Aide Jorge Casas (D5), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

## **II. Public Comment**

Director of Marketing Eva Smith Glynn from the School of Visual Philosophy invited the Arts Commission to attend the opening gala on January 26, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner introduced the Outdoor Special Events team from the Office of Cultural Affairs. Events Director Tammy Turnipseed, Sr. Events Coordinator Brian Clampitt, and Events Coordinator II Nathan Rees all provided a brief background about themselves.

## **III. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 15, 2018.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Muriera, seconded by Commissioner Garg, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 15, 2018 were approved. (8-0-2) (Commissioner Le was not present). (Commissioner Brown abstained).

- B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

#### IV. Reports and Information Only.

- A. Council Liaison's Report  
Policy Aide Jorge Casas had no report from Vice Mayor Carrasco. He took notes and will provide a verbal update to the Vice Mayor.
- B. PRESENTATION: Verbal Presentation from Symphony Silicon Valley.  
General Director Andrew Bales provided a verbal presentation. He was available for questions and comments from the Commission.
- C. Chair's report  
Chair Ramona Snyder reported on her attendance to various events that took place in downtown San Jose. She noted that at the City Council meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>, Vice Mayor provided a proclamation to claim October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

#### V. Business

1. Recommend that the Arts Commission review and accept the panel's recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Exchange Grant, Round 4 awards.

Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Emily Sevier presented from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Lotfalian, the recommendation that the Arts Commission review and accept the panel's recommendations for the Arts and Cultural Exchange Grant, Round 4 awards was approved. (10-0-0).

Commission discussion ensued.

2. Standing Reports
  - a. Executive Committee
    1. Committee Chair's report  
Committee Chair Ron Muriera reported on the most recent meeting.
    2. Discussion: Arts Commission Retreat  
Committee Chair Ron Muriera provided an overview of the suggested topics for the retreat from the Executive Committee. Commissioners provided their input. The Commission all agreed to *Cultural Connection: San Jose's Cultural Plan for 2011-2020* as the main topic for the retreat. The Commission will discuss about what has been accomplished, where are we now, and what goals need to be accomplished as outlined in the *Cultural Connection: San Jose's Cultural Plan for 2011-2020*. The Arts Commission also agreed to discuss how they can be more engaged with City Council.
  - b. Public Art Committee - Committee Chair's verbal report  
Committee Chair Roma Dawson had no report.

- c. Office of Cultural Affairs - Monthly verbal report  
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner highlighted items from the monthly report. She announced the dedication for the Burning Man projects *XO and HAHA*, by artist Laura Kimpton, will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that the California Arts Council will be hosting its December meeting at the San Jose Museum of Art. She invited the Arts Commission to attend the reception during the evening. She reported that the Operating and Maintenance agreement for History San Jose will be presented at the next Community and Economic Development Committee meeting and will be cross-referenced to the City Council in early December. She also reported that San Jose is currently ranked number one as America's most creative city.
- d. Arts Commission Liaisons (*2 minutes per report unless otherwise indicated*)
  - 1. City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner Lotfalian reported that *Salt Stained II*, an exhibit coordinated by Chopsticks Alley, is in the Council Wing Corridor Gallery and will be on display through Spring 2019.
  - 2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Commissioner Brown had no report. She noted that the organization is currently focused on their holiday performances.
  - 3. Silicon Valley Creates – Commissioner James had no report. He noted that applications for the next Santa Clara Poet Laureate will open in 2019.
  - 4. Levitt Pavilion Committee – Commissioner Brown had no report.
  - 5. Hammer Theatre Committee – Commissioner James had no report.
  - 6. South First Area Committee – Commissioner Le had no report.
  - 7. San Jose Downtown Association – Chair Snyder had no report.
  - 8. San José Creates and Connects – Commissioner Muriera had no report.
  - 9. Team San Jose – Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner reported that on Monday, the auditor will present a report on Team San Jose activities from last fiscal year. The report will be presented at the next Community and Economic Development Committee meeting and will also be presented to City Council on December 11, 2018.
  - 10. SPUR – Commissioner McCollum had no report.
- e. Commission Communications  
Various Commissioners announced upcoming events and performances.

**VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

*No meeting in December. The next regular meeting will be on January 28, 2018 at 5:30 PM at City Hall in the City Manager's conference room 1734.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Snyder adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



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RAMONA SNYDER, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY



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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR