

Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2023

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

### **Call to Order**

Chair Charlie McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm with a land acknowledgment.

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Charlie McCollum, Steven Martinez, Lynne Rosenthal (via Zoom), Jonathan Borca, Alexander Nguyen, Karen Adamski (via Zoom), and Janett Peace

**ABSENT:** Smita Garg (excused absence), Anthony Cordova (excused absence), and Shelby Taketa

**STAFF:** Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Director of Special Events Melina Igelsias, Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Danielle Siembieda (via zoom), Arts Industry Support Manager Beth Tobey (via Zoom), Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Arts Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao, Events Coordinator II Sherina Guimmond, and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

## **II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 18, 2023.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace, seconded by Commissioner Rosenthal, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 18, 2023, were approved. (3-0-7). (Commissioners Rosenthal, Nguyen, Borca, and Peace were abstained.). (Commissioners Garg, Cordova, and Taketa were absent).

- B. Public Record  
There was no public record filed.

## **III. Reports and Information Only**

- A. Council Liaison Report  
Councilmember Omar Torres had no report. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner announced that Diego Martinez has resigned from the City.
- B. Presentation: Christmas in the Park  
Managing Director Debbie Degutis presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions the comments from the Commission.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Charlie McCollum announced that the Cornerstone of the Arts Awards will take place on Thursday, October 19 at the Hammer Theatre Center. Doors open at 5:30 pm. He asked Commissioners if they can arrive at 5:00 pm to take pictures with the honorees.

D. Director's Report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the OCA monthly report. CODASummit conference took place on October 4-6 at the Hammer Theatre. She thanked the Public Art staff for hosting the tours. A dedication for the *End of Watch Police Memorial* took place on October 4. On October 10, a dedication took place for the unveiling of the artwork and Heinlenville Park. She reported that 311 people have rsvp'ed for the Cornerstone of the Arts Award. The deadline to submit a Capitalization and Sustainability application was on Friday, October 13. OCA received 24 applications. The Outdoor Special Events team is currently in the process of interviewing candidates for the Special Events Manager position. The City Council Study Session for the Arts, Tourism, and Destination Events will take place on Thursday, November 30 at 9:00 am. The study session will take place at the City Council Chambers room.

**IV. Business**

A. Update: Outdoor Special Events

Director of Special Events Melina Iglesias presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions on comments from the Commission.

B. Report: San Jose Climate Art Program

Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Danielle Siembieda presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions on comments from the Commission.

C. Update: Art and Tourism Funding

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a report with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

D. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee

Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal had no report as the meeting was cancelled in October.

2. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Janett Peace reported on the most recent meeting. She reported that the Committee took action on the proposed design concept by artists Lara Haddad and Tom Drugan for the VTA Light Rain design at Eastridge Station. The Committee also approved the design concept by artist Amir Fallah for the VTA Light Rail at Story Road Station.

3. Commission Liaison report

The Commission had no reports.

4. Commission Communications  
Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

**V. Public Comments**

No public comments were made on the floor.

**VI. Next Meeting**

*The next meeting will take place in-person and virtually online on November 20, 2023.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair McCollum adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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CHARLIE MCCOLLUM, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR