

Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2023

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

Item IV.B has been deferred to the next meeting on January 22, 2024.

### **Call to Order**

Chair Charlie McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm with a land acknowledgment.

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Charlie McCollum, Steven Martinez, Lynne Rosenthal (arrived at 5:38 pm), Jonathan Borca, Alexander Nguyen (arrived at 5:35 pm), Karen Adamski, Shelby Taketa, and Janett Peace (via Zoom)

**ABSENT:** Smita Garg

**STAFF:** Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Sr. Arts Industry Support Manager Danielle Siembieda, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers (via Zoom), Arts Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao (via Zoom), and Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv.

## **II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 16, 2023.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Adamski, seconded by Commissioner Cordova, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 16, 2023, were approved. (6-0-4). (Commissioners Taketa and Cordova abstained). (Commissioner Rosenthal was not present during the vote). (Commissioner Garg was 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.

B. Presentation: San Jose Taiko

Executive Director Wisa Uemura presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions the comments from the Commission.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Charlie McCollum thanked the Commissioners who attended the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study at City Hall. He announced that several local arts

organizations are having holiday performances or events. He encouraged Commissioners to attend events or watch the performances.

**D. Director's Report**

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the OCA monthly report. She thanked the planning committee and the Commission for attending this year's Cornerstone of the Arts event. Approximately 350 guests attended the event. Christmas in the Park and Downtown Ice are opening this week for the holiday season. She announced that the City Council item regarding to Arts, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events funding has been deferred to the February 6, 2024 City Council meeting. The Arts and Economic Prosperity Study release took place at City Hall on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vice President of Research Randy Cohen from American for the Arts presented the results from the AEP study.

**IV. Business**

- A. Review and accept the panel's recommendation of the following five 2024 Creative Ambassadorships: Deborah Kennedy, Alice Hur, Yosimar Reyes, Rayos Magos, and Pantea Karimi

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

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Taketa the recommendation to review and accept the panel's recommendation of the following five 2024 Creative Ambassadorships: Deborah Kennedy, Alice Hur, Yosimar Reyes, Rayos Magos, and Pantea Karimi was approved. (9-0-1) (Commissioner Garg was absent).

- B. Discussion and action: Review and accept an update on the Art, Destination Marketing, and Destination Events Funding.

Items has been deferred to the next Arts Commission meeting on January 22, 2024.

- C. Discussion: Arts Commission Retreat

Chair Charlie McCollum provided a brief background of the retreat. He asked Commissioners to share their ideas for the retreat. Several Commissioners suggested ideas and topics for the retreat.

- D. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee

Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal provided a brief report on the most recent meeting.

2. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Janett Peace had no report as a meeting did not occur. The next meeting will take place in December.

3. Commission Liaison report

The Commission had no reports. Commissioner Karen Adamski volunteered to be the liaison for the Silicon Valley Arts Coalition.

4. Commission Communications

Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

**V. Public Comments**

Ted Lorraine, a member from Silicon Valley Arts Coalition, was thrilled to hear that Commissioner Karen Adamski will be serving as the liaison. He is looking forward on connecting with her soon.

Justin Vo, a member from Vietnamese American Roundtable, announced the upcoming Lunar New Year event that will taking place in February 2024. He asked the Commission for their support for their Lunar New Year event.

**VI. Next Meeting**

*No meetings in December. The next meeting will take place in-person and virtually online on January 22, 2024.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair McCollum adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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CHARLIE MCCOLLUM, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR