

Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2024

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

### **Call to Order**

Chair Charlie McCollum called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm with a land acknowledgment.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Youth Art Month. Commissioner Smita Garg presented a certificate to Santa Clara County Office of Education's Arts Coordinator Sofia Fojas. Sofia Fojas accepted the certificate and thanked the Commission for the recognition. She also provided a brief statement about Youth Art Month and announced upcoming events.

### **Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Smita Garg, Charlie McCollum, Steven Martinez, Lynne Rosenthal, Karen Adamski, Shelby Taketa, Janett Peace, and Alexander Nguyen (via Zoom).

**ABSENT:** Jonathan Borca (Excused Absence)

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

## **II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 26, 2024.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, seconded by Commissioner Rosenthal, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on February 26, 2024, were approved. (6-0-3). (Commissioner Adamski abstained). (Commissioner Borca was absent). (Commissioner Nguyen attended the meeting via Zoom).

B. Public Record

There was no public record filed.

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

A. Council Liaison Report  
Councilmember Torres had no report.

B. Presentation: Starting Arts

Executive Director Ann Watts presented to the Arts Commission with a PowerPoint presentation. Silicon Valley Shakespeare's Executive Director Annalisa Tkacheff and Los Lupenos de San Jose's Artistic Director Samuel Cortez provided additional comments about their partnership with Starting Arts. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Charlie McCollum announced a highlight of upcoming events taking place in San Jose. He shared that Cinequest Film Festival ended on March 17. He encouraged the Commission to visit San Jose Jazz's Break Room, which provides a unique and intimate way to experience live music.

D. Director's Report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the OCA monthly report. She announced that Commissioner Anthony Cordova resigned from the Arts Commission due to his relocation from San Jose for medical reasons. She expressed appreciation for his outstanding service. Roy Hirabayashi has been appointed to the California Arts Council. She reminded Commissioners that those who are terming out, are eligible for reappointment, and seek to be reappointed should reapply through the City Clerk's website. She also encouraged them to contact their Councilmember to let them about their reapplication and eligibility for reappointment.

#### IV. Business

A. Update: Outdoor Special Events

Director of Outdoor Special Events Meline Iglesias presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

B. Update: Budget Process for FY 2024-2025 and Mayor's March Budget Message.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the Mayor's March Budget Message. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

C. That the Arts Commission recommend to the City Council that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Operating Budget for the Cultural Funding Portfolio reflect the following recommended guidelines for percentage levels, subject to available funding: 76.5% for the *Operating Grants*, 16% for *Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants*, and 7.5% for *take pART Grants*.

Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera presented a verbal report from the memo. He was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rosenthal, seconded by Commissioner Garg, the Arts Commission recommendation to the City Council that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 Operating Budget for the Cultural Funding Portfolio reflect the following recommended guidelines for percentage levels, subject to available funding: 76.5% for the *Operating Grants*, 16% for *Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants*, and 7.5% for *take pART Grants* was approved. (7-0-2) (Commissioner Borca

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was absent). (Commissioner Nguyen was unable to vote as he attended the meeting via Zoom).

Commission discussion ensued.

- D. Recommend that the Arts Commission review and accept the revised nomination guidelines for the Cornerstone of the Arts awards.

Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv presented a verbal report from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

Commissioner Taketa made a motion. The motion was to revise the description of the Luminary Artist Award to read as to recognize an established, professional artist who has a substantial body of work that reflects excellence and contributions to San Jose's cultural vitality. In addition, under eligibility, the artist must have lived or worked in San Jose for a minimal of five years.

Action: Upon a motion from Commissioner Taketa, second by Commissioner Peace, the amended recommendation to revise the description of the Luminary Artist Award to recognize an established, professional artist who has a substantial body of work that reflects excellence and contributions to San Jose's cultural vitality. In addition, for the eligibility, the artist must have lived or worked in San Jose for a minimal of five years was approved. (7-0-2) (Commissioner Borca was absent). (Commissioner Nguyen was unable to vote as he attended the meeting via Zoom).

Commission discussion ensued.

- E. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee

Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal reported on the most recent meeting. She also announced that Commissioner Anthony Cordova resigned from the Commission. She reported on her recent attendance at various events.

2. Public Art Committee

Commissioner Peace reported on the most recent meeting. She reported that the Committee took action on the concept and design proposal for the mural project at the Washington Community Center. The Committee also took action on the design development proposal for the VTA Light Rail at the Story Road Station.

3. Commission Liaison report

- Commissioner Rosenthal provided updated from SVCcreates.
- Commissioner Adamski reported on the most recent meeting from Silicon Valley Arts Coalition. She announced the upcoming events throughout Spring and Summer.

4. Commission Communications

Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

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**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 April 15, 2024.*

**VII. Adjournment**

Chair Charlie McCollum adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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CHARLIE MCCOLLUM, CHAIR

ATTEST:

ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, ARTS PROGRAM COORDINATOR