

Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2024

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm with a land acknowledgment.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Analyn Bones, Lynne Rosenthal, Ernesto Martinez, Alexander Nguyen, Shelby Taketa, and Janett Peace.

ABSENT: Charlie McCollum, Karen Adamski (Excused Absences), and Jonathan Borca (Unexcused Absence).

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Executive Analyst II Tina Iv, Outdoor Special Events Director Melina Iglesias, Sr. Events Manager Leonela Torres, Arts Program Manager Danielle Siembieda, Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers (via Zoom), and Council Assistant Edgar Zavala (D3).

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 16, 2024.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on September 16, 2024 were approved. (6-0-3). (Commissioners McCollum, Borca, and Adamski were absent).

- B. Public Record

There was no public record on file.

III. Reports and Information Only

- A. Council Liaison Report

Council Assistant Edgar Zavala reported on behalf of Councilmember Torres. He shared that Councilmember Torres's office remains open and is continuing to work with the Office of Cultural Affairs and with the constituents.

- B. Presentation: City Lights Theater

Executive Artistic Director Lisa Mallette presented on behalf of City Lights Theater. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

- C. Chair's Report

No report as Chair Charlie McCollum was absent.

D. Director's Report

1. OCA monthly report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided highlights from the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) monthly report. She provided an overview of Road to 2026. The City is preparing for major sporting events that are coming to San Jose – Super Bowl 60, NCAA Basketball, and FIFA. On December 5, 2024, the President's Committee on Arts and Humanities will be hosting an Artists for Understanding convening at the San Jose Museum of Art in partnership with OCA. The convening will explore issues around Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. On March 14, 2025, OEDCA in partnership with SVCcreates will be hosting the Artist Empowerment Day at City Hall.

IV. Business

A. Update: Outdoor Special Events

Director of Outdoor Special Events Melina Iglesias and Sr. Events Manager Leonela Torres provided an update with a PowerPoint presentation. They were both available for questions and comments from the full Commission.

B. Update: San Jose Climate Art Program

Sr. Arts Program Manager Danielle Siembieda provided an update with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

C. Debrief: Cornerstone of the Arts Awards

The Commission provided their feedback on the Cornerstone of the Arts Awards. Vice Chair Rosenthal made suggestions for entertainment next year.

D. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee

Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal had no report as the meeting was cancelled in October. The next meeting will take place on November 4, 2024.

2. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Shelby Taketa reported on the most recent meeting. She reported that the Committee took action on artist Paul J. Gonzalez's concept and design proposal for the mural project at Snell Avenue and Snell Way. The Committee also took action on the artists' concepts for the second phase of the Lenticular Lab.

3. Commission Liaison report

a. Santa Clara County Office of Education – Commissioner Peace reported that the Santa Clara County Office of Education will be forming an Arts Advisory Committee to discuss about the Proposition 28.

b. SVCcreates – Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal announced that the Folk and Traditional Arts Roundtable will take place on Tuesday, October 22 at the School of Arts and Culture at MHP from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

c. San Jose State University – Commissioner Martinez announced upcoming events that are taking place at SJSU. He shared that the Dia de los Muertos altar is on display on the 5th floor at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

4. Commission Communications
Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

V. Public Comments

General Director and CEO Shawna Lucey announced upcoming productions at Opera San Jose. She introduced Luiz Oroczo, an American baritone, who just joined San Jose State University. He will be leading all the efforts of Opera. Luiz introduced himself to the Commission.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in-person and virtually online on November 18, 2024.

VII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

LYNNE ROSENTHAL, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, EXECUTIVE ANALYST II