

Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm with a land acknowledgment.

Roll Call

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

ABSENT: Charlie McCollum (Excused Absence)

STAFF: Councilmember Pam Foley, Chief of Staff Scott Hughes (D9), Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Executive Analyst II Tina Iv, Sr. Arts Program Manager Danielle Siembieda, and Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers (via Zoom)

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 21, 2024.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 21, 2024 were approved. (6-0-3). (Commissioner McCollum was absent). (Commissioners Borca, and Adamski abstained).

B. Public Record

There was no public record on file.

III. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Pam Foley provided an update regarding to the District 3 Council seat. She noted that the City Council will make a decision to either appoint a member or hold a special election.

B. Presentation: California Arts Council

California Arts Councilmember Roy Hirabayashi provided a verbal presentation. He 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 invited Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers to provide a brief update on the River Oaks Project. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner announced that the applications for the FY 2025-2026 Cultural Funding Portfolio are now open. She encouraged the applicants to check the Office of Cultural Affairs website for the deadlines for each grant program. On December 5, 2024 the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities hosted the Artists for Understanding convening at the San Jose Museum of Art. The convening was about the critical role of the arts and artists in combatting hate and fostering empathy and understanding. On March 14, 2025, SVCcreates and the Office of Cultural Affairs will be hosting Artists Empowerment Day, a technical assistance event for artists.

IV. Business

- A. Review and accept the panel's recommendation of the following five 2025 Creative Ambassadorships: Julie Cardenes, Steven Rubalcaba, Jessica Gutierrez, the SJ Shooters collective, and the More Mas Marami collective.**

Senior Arts Program Coordinator Danielle Siembieda provided a verbal report from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Borca, seconded by Commissioner Peace, the recommendation to review and accept the panel's recommendation of the following five 2025 Creative Ambassadorships: Julie Cardenes, Steven Rubalcaba, Jessica Gutierrez, the SJ Shooters collective, and the More Mas Marami collective was approved. (7-0-2) (Commissioner McCollum was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

B. Discussion: Arts Commission

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a brief historical background about the retreat. She informed the Commission that they are welcome to provide their ideas on topics, a facilitator (optional), location, etc. Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal asked the Commission to send their ideas via email over the holiday break.

C. Standing Report

1. Executive Committee

Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal had no report as the meeting was cancelled in November 2024 due to no quorum. The next meeting will take place in on February 3, 2025.

2. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Shelby Taketa had no report as a meeting did not occur.

3. Commission Liaison report
 - a. San Jose Arts Coalition – Commissioner Adamski announced that the San Jose Symphonic Choir will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary.
 - b. San Jose Arts Advocates – Commissioner Borca reported that the District 10 forum was a success.
 - c. SVCreates – Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal reported on the recent Arts Roundtable. She announced the awardees for the 2024 Arts Access Grants and Sarah Moore will be retiring from SVCreates.
4. Commission Communications
Commissioners provided announcements on upcoming events.

V. Public Comments

There was no public comment made on the floor.

VI. Next Meeting

No meeting in December. The next meeting will take place in-person and virtually online on January 27, 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

LYNNE ROSENTHAL, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, EXECUTIVE ANALYST II