

Meeting Minutes  
April 21, 2025

## **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. Local Color's presentation has been deferred to another month.

### **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Commissioners Manjiri Yeravadekar, Analyn Bones, Lynne Rosenthal, Jonathan Borca, Ernesto Martinez, De Anna Mirzadegan, Karen Adamski, Janett Peace, and Shelby Taketa.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Executive Analyst II Tina Iv, Arts Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao, and Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers (via Zoom).

## **II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 17, 2025.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace by Commissioner Bones, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on March 17, 2025 were approved. (9-0-0).

- B. Public Record

Letters from the public was received regarding to the mural at Backesto Park. Commissioners were asked to review the letters advance prior to the meeting.

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

- A. Council Liaison's Report

Councilmember Campos had no report.

- B. Local Color Presentation

The presentation has been deferred to another month.

- C. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal announced that Commissioner De Anna Mirzadegan has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee meeting. She also shared upcoming events.

- D. Office of Cultural Affairs Monthly verbal report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided verbal highlights from the monthly report. She thanked the community for coming to today's meeting and

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provided housekeeping rules. She also thanked the Commissioners who served on this year's grant panel meetings. April is Arts, Culture and Creativity month. Throughout the month of April, the Office of Cultural Affairs is challenging San Joseans to use their powers of creative expression everyday for the month. Sign up to receive daily prompts every day throughout April to inspire your creativity. Make Music Day San Jose will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Office of Cultural Affairs and Arts Commission are currently soliciting for nominations for the Cornerstone of the Arts Awards. The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, May 2 by 5:00 pm.

#### **IV. Business**

- A. Special Election: Hold a special election for the Arts Commission Chair for the remaining FY 2024-2025 meetings.

A special election was held to vote for the Chair for the remaining FY 2024-2025 meetings. Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal nominated herself to be Chair. Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal was automatically elected as Chair as there were no additional candidates or nominations running for Chair.

Upon Commissioner Lynne Rosenthal being elected as Chair of the Arts Commission for the remaining FY 2024-2025 meetings, the seat for Vice Chair became vacant. Commissioners were given the opportunity to nominate candidates for the Vice Chair position. Chair Lynne Rosenthal nominated Janett Peace and Jonathan Borca nominated himself for the position. The Commission took a vote, and it was tie between both Commissioners (4 votes for Commissioner Borca, 4 votes for Commissioner Peace, and 1 abstention). Commissioners casted their vote again and it turned out to be another tie. (4 votes for Commissioner Borca, 4 votes for Commissioner Peace, and 1 abstention).

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a recommendation to have Commissioner Borca and Commissioner Peace be co-Vice Chairs for the remaining of the FY 2024-2025 meetings. Both candidates agreed. Commissioners casted their vote and the outcome is for Commissioners Borca and Peace to be co-Vice Chairs for the remaining FY 2024-2025 meetings (9 votes).

- B. Review and take action on Concept & Design Proposal by artists Analyn Bones, Alfonso Salazar, and John Garcia for a mural project at Backesto Park.

Director Public Art Michael Ogilvie presented with a Power Point Presentation. He was available for questions and comments from the Commission. Artists Alfonso Garcia and John Garcia provided additional information about the mural.

**ACTION:** Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace by Commissioner Taketa, the recommendation to review and take action on Concept & Design Proposal by artists Analyn Bones, Alfonso Salazar, and John Garcia for a mural project at Backesto Park.

Chair Lynne Rosenthal made a friendly amendment to the recommendation to defer the original recommendation to May, June, or hold a special meeting in order the community to resolve the situation.

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ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace by Commissioner Taketa, the recommendation to defer the original recommendation to May, June, or hold a special meeting in order for the community to resolve the situation was approved (5-3-1) (Commissioner Analyn Bones recused).

Upon further discussion, the Commission made amendments to the first friendly amendment to the recommendation to approve the mural and direct staff to identify alternative locations and funding for other murals at Backesto Park.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace by Commissioner Taketa, the amendment to the recommendation to approve the mural and direct staff to identify alternative locations and funding for other murals at Backesto Park was approved (8-0-1) (Commissioner Analyn Bones recused).

Members of the public provided their comments on the proposed mural at Backesto Park.

Commission discussion ensued.

C. Appointment of the Elections Committee

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal provided a brief background of the committee's role. She asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Commissioner Karen Adamski volunteered.

D. Appointment of the Cornerstone of the Arts Committee

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal provided a brief background of the committee's role. She asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Commissioners Analyn Bones, De Anna Mirzadegan, and Ernest Martinez volunteered.

E. Standing reports

1. Executive Committee meeting

Committee Chair Lynne Rosenthal had no report as a meeting did not occur.

2. Public Art Committee

Committee Chair Shelby Taketa reported on the most recent meeting. She reported that the Committee took action on the Five-Year Public Art Work Plan and the Committee was in consent to defer the action item relating to the mural at Backesto Park to the Arts Commission meeting.

3. Commission Liaisons Report

- A. San Jose Arts Coalition – Commissioner Adamski shared upcoming events and encouraged Commissioners to visit San Jose Arts Coalition's website for the full list.
- B. City Hall Exhibits – Commissioner Peace announced upcoming exhibits that are coming within the next year.
- C. SVCcreates – Chair Lynne Rosenthal shared that Sinjin Jones is the new Program Director at SVCcreates,
- D. San Jose Arts Advocates – Commissioner Borca reported that San

Jose Arts Advocates thanked Councilmember Campos and Mayor Matt Mahan for proclaiming April as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month.

**V. Public Comments**

A member of the public, Craig Shivatero, provided his comments on the mural at Backesto Park. He thanked the Commission for having the discuss and asked the City to identify any opportunities to have more murals at the park.

**VI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place in-person and virtually online on May 19, 2025.

**VII. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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LYNNE ROSENTHAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, EXECUTIVE ANALYST II