

Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2025

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

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm with a land acknowledgment.

**Roll Call**

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

ABSENT: Jonathan Borca

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, and Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers (via Zoom).

**II. Consent Calendar**

A. Approval of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 19, 2025.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, by Commissioner Martinez, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 19, 2025 were approved. (6-0-3). (Commissioners Adamski and Bones abstained). (Commissioner Borca was absent).

B. Public Record

No public record was on file.

**III. Reports and Information Only**

A. Council Liaison's Report

Councilmember Campos had no report.

B. Local Color Presentation

Executive Director and Founder Erin Salazar presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Lynne Rosenthal encouraged Commissioners to reach out to their Councilmember and get to know them. She reported on her tour at Higher Fire and encouraged Commissioners to go as well. She announced that today is Co-Vice Chair Janett Peace's birthday.

D. Office of Cultural Affairs Monthly verbal report

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided verbal highlights from the monthly report. She thanked everyone who participated in the WeCreate408 challenge. Make Music Day will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup>. In 2026, three major sporting events will be coming to San Jose – NCAA, Superbowl, and FIFA. On June 4 the Office of Cultural Affairs will host the Arts will Play in 2026 community meeting for the creative sector to participate in the activations leading up to each sporting event. The Office of Cultural Affairs is currently working on the Entertainment Zone ordinance to allow “to go container” alcohol in limited open spaces.

**IV. Business**

A. Candidates for FY 2025-2026 for Arts Commission Chair/Vice Chair

Elections Committee Karen Adamski announced that only one nomination has been received for the Vice Chair of the Arts Commission. Co-Vice Chair Jonathan Borca has self-nominated himself for the position of Vice Chair for FY 2025-2026. The deadline to submit a nomination is June 6, 2025.

B. Review and receive the proposed FY 2025-2026 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Program and Services.

Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented with a PowerPoint Presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace by Commissioner Bones, the recommendation to Review and receive the proposed FY 2025-2026 funding allocations for Arts and Cultural Development Program and Services was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Borca was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

C. FY 2025-2026 Grant Recommendations for Cultural Funding Portfolio

1. Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 2025-2026 Festival, Parade and Celebration Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City’s FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget.

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

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace, seconded by Commissioner Yeravadekar, the recommendation to propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed 2025-2026 Festival, Parade and Celebration Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City’s FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Borca was absent).

2. Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed FY 2025-2026 *take pART* Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget.

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

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Yeravadekar, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the recommendation to propose that the Arts Commission recommend that the City Council approve the proposed FY 2025-2026 *take pART* Grant awards specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Borca was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

3. Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that City Council approve the proposed FY 2025-2026 Operating Grant awards as specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget.

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

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bones, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the recommendation to Propose that the Arts Commission recommend that City Council approve the proposed FY 2025-2026 Operating Grant awards as specified in Attachment A and subject to the availability of funds appropriated in the City's FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Borca was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

- D. Recommend that the Arts Commission approve the proposed FY 2024-2025 Capitalization and Sustainability (CAPSUS) Grant awards as specified in Attachment A.

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

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, seconded by Commissioner Bones, the recommendation to that the Arts Commission approve the proposed FY 2024-2025 Capitalization and Sustainability (CAPSUS) Grant awards as specified in Attachment A was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Borca was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

E. Standing reports

1. Executive Committee meeting

Committee Chair Janett Peace. She reported on the most recent meeting. She encouraged Commissioners to ask questions or ask clarification if they do not understand what is agendaized. She also suggested that the if the Commissioners have the right to abstain from the vote if they do not understand the action item.

2. Public Art Committee

A. Committee Chair Shelby Taketa reported on the most recent meeting.

B. Recommend that the Arts Commission approve and recommend to the City Council the Five-Year Public Artwork Plan as part of the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget.

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

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Yervadekar, the recommendation that the Arts Commission approve and recommend to the City Council the Five-Year Public Art Work Plan as part of the FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Borca was absent).

Commission discussion ensued.

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.

4. Commission Communications

Commissioners announced upcoming events and updates within their districts.

**V. Public Comments**

- Seth Wilson wanted to thank Local Color for a fabulous presentation and the work that they are currently doing. He asked the Commission to continue supporting the organization.
- Jessica Torres thanked the Arts Commission and the OCA for all the work in supporting the arts in the community.

**VI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place in-person and virtually online on June 16, 2025.

**VII. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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LYNNE ROSENTHAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

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TINA IV, EXECUTIVE ANALYST II