

Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2025

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Call to Order

Vice Chair Lynne Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm with a land acknowledgment.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Manjiri Yeravadekar, Analyn Bones, Lynne Rosenthal, Jonathan Borca, Ernesto Martinez, De Anna Mirzadegan (arrived at 5:58 pm), Karen Adamski, Janett Peace, and Shelby Taketa.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Public Art Michael Ogilvie, Director of Arts Industry Support Ron Muriera, Sr. Arts Program Coordinator Danielle Siembeida, and Executive Analyst II Tina Iv.

II. Consent Calendar

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

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Taketa, by Commissioner Martinez, the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on May 19, 2025 were approved. (7-0-2). (Commissioner Borca was absent). (Commissioner Mirzadegan was not present).

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. Presentation: The Tech Interactive
VP of Exhibits and Chief of Staff Erica Barrueto presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission and staff.

C. Chair's Report
Chair Lynne Rosenthal reported on the recent Municipal Arts Roundtable meeting at Mountain View City Hall.

- D. Office of Cultural Affairs Monthly verbal report
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided verbal highlights from the monthly report. She reported that the cultural grants were approved as part of this year's June Budget message. Make Music Day will take place on June 21, 2025. A program was handed out to the Commission to see a full list of performances which take place over 40 locations. The Office of Cultural Affairs has been involved in several special event new policies, approved by City Council. The City Council received a presentation on the cost for outdoor special events and opportunities to increase customer service. City Council approved the Entertainment Zone Ordinance at its meeting last Tuesday.

IV. Business

- A. Update: Outdoor Special Events
The item has been deferred to August.
- B. Update: Mayor's June Budget Message
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided a verbal overview of the Mayor's June Budget message. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.
- C. Presentation: Arts will Play in 2026.
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner presented with a PowerPoint presentation. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission.
- D. Recommend that the Arts Commission approve the selections for the 2025 Cornerstone of the Arts Awards.

Executive Analyst II Tina Iv presented a verbal report from the memo. She was available for questions and comments from the Commission. Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner provided additional comments.

ACTION: Upon a motion by Commissioner Peace, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, the recommendation to that the Arts Commission approve Commission approve the selections for the 2025 Cornerstone of the Arts Awards. was approved. (8-0-1) (Commissioner Yeravadekar was abstained).

Commission discussion ensued.

- E. Elections Committee
1. Hold annual elections for positions of Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025-2026. Committee member Karen Adamski read each candidate statement to the full Commission. Commissioners Taketa, Bones, and Borca provided additional statements.

A motion was made to elect the Chair and Vice Chair with the most votes. The Commission agreed.

ACTION: Commissioners verbally casted their votes for Chair and Vice Chair. Secretary Tina Iv announced that Commissioner Shelby will be Chair and Commissioner Jonathan Borca will be the Vice Chair for the FY 2025-2026 Arts Commission.

F. Standing reports

1. Executive Committee meeting
Committee Chair Janett Peace had no report as a meeting did not occur.
2. Public Art Committee
 - A. Committee Chair Shelby Taketa reported on the most recent meeting. She reported that Committee approved artist Mario Chiodo's concept and design proposal for the *Peace Monument* at Arena Green East. The Committee also approved the recommended modifications to the design development proposal by artist Brian Brush for an illuminated facade enhancement at the Market Street Parking Garage.
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. San Jose Arts Advocates – Commissioner Borca shared that they are thrilled that there are major budget additions for the arts and culture funding. Their standing meetings will be moved to second Mondays and he encouraged everyone to subscribe to the newsletter for updates and important information.
4. Commission Communications
Director of Cultural Affairs Kerry Adams Hapner recognized Commissioner Lynne Rosenthal for stepping in as the Chair of the Arts Commission, Commissioners Janett Peace and Jonathan Borca for being Co-Vice Chair of the Arts Commission, and Commissioner Shelby Taketa for being the Committee Chair for the Public Art Committee. Former Charlie McCollum joined via Zoom to thank the Commissioners who stepped up in their role during his absence. Charlie wished everyone to be well, and he hopes to see everyone at upcoming events.

V. Public Comments

- Executive Director of Opera San Jose Shawna Lucey announced upcoming performances.

VI. Next Meeting

No meeting in July. The next meeting will take place virtually online and in-person on August 18, 2025.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Lynne Rosenthal adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

SHELBY TAKETA, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ARTS COMMISSION SECRETARY

TINA IV, EXECUTIVE ANALYST II