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AGENDA

COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. June 25, 2018

CHAIR
Paul Boneberg, Chair
COMMISSIONERS
Genea Brice, Vice Chair
Bonnie Bernhardt
Lawrence Finkelstein
Ram Giri
Trevor Allen
Dalia Vidor

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. City Council Liaison Report
 - B. Commission Liaison Report

5. PRESENTATIONS - 6:10 p.m.

A. Robby Poblete Foundation (Pati Navalta)

6. COMMUNITY FORUM – 6:20 p.m.

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7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – 6:35 p.m.

Recommendation: By motion, approve the June 25, 2018 agenda

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6:35 p.m.

A. **Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 regular meeting and the June 4, 2018 Special Meeting.

9. ACTION CALENDAR – 6:40 pm

A. **Art of Peace – 6:40 p.m.**

Recommendation: By motion, recommend the City host a temporary display of a piece of art from the Art of Peace collection, and coordinate with Solano County for a possible donation, county funding and permanent placement on Solano County property within Vallejo.

B. **City-owned Artwork in Storage – 6:55 pm**

Recommendation: Discuss plans to address the City-owned artwork in storage, including the Marina Vista Collection.

C. **Capital Steps – 7:15 pm**

Recommendation: By motion, express support of the Commission for the Capital Steps Project.

D. **Art Element of General Plan – 7:20 pm**

Recommendation: Discuss implementation of the arts element from the General Plan in relation to the Commission on Arts & Culture and the pilot public art program.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS, ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. **City 2018-19 Budget Update – 7:30 pm**

B. **Definition of Culture Ad Hoc Committee Update – 7:40 pm**

C. **Calendar Update – 7:45 pm**

D. **Artwalk Update – 7:45 pm**

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 7:55 p.m.

- A. Addition of items to Future Agenda List
- Arts & Culture Assessment, Inventory and Planning
 - CCRC presentation
 - Mad Hatter Presentation
 - Gift Policy

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: July 23, 2018

13. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 p.m.

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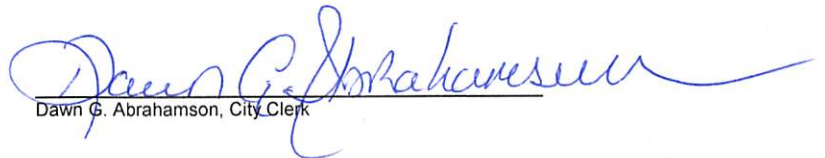
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I, Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk, do hereby certify that we have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Commission on Culture & The Arts, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, CA at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2018.

Dated: Thursday, June 21, 2018


Dawn G. Abrahamson, City Clerk

**COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBER
APRIL 23, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boneberg at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Boneberg, Vice Chair Brice, Commissioners Bernhardt, Finkelstein (arrived at 6:57 p.m.), Giri, Allen, and Vidor

Absent: None.

Staff present: City Clerk Abrahamson and Interim Housing & Community Development Manager Morat.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Council Liaison Report – Councilmember Verder-Aliga invited the Commission to attend a Multi-Cultural Festival, fundraiser for the Sister City Association, on April 27.

B. Commission Liaison Report – Interim Housing & Community Development Director Morat reported on the mid-year budget Commission request of \$10,000.

City Clerk Abrahamson responded to questions related to the process for when a Commission makes a motion recommending something to the City Council and how that motion is conveyed to the Council.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Action: Presentations were made by Ms. Harris and Mr. Arie Donch.

A. Solano Community Foundation (Connie Harris)

B. VCAF (Tom Arie Donch)

6. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Noah Dove and Cathy O'Hara.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: By motion, approve the March 26, 2018 agenda

Action: Moved by Commissioner Allen, seconded by Commissioner Vidor and carried unanimously by Commissioner present to approve the Agenda (Absent: Finkelstein).

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. **Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: By motion, approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 regular meeting

Action: Moved by Commissioner Vidor, seconded by Commissioner Bernhardt, and carried unanimously by Commissioner present to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 meeting (Absent: Finkelstein).

9. **ACTION CALENDAR**

A. **Discussion on Future Arts Program Funding**

Recommendation: Discuss early concepts and strategies to implement the recently-adopted Public Art Policy through a Pilot City Art & Culture Program.

Interim Housing & Community Development Director Morat reviewed the time-line for bringing forward recommendations for the City Council's consideration as part of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget process.

Action 1: Moved by Chair Boneberg, seconded by Commissioner Allen and carried by Commissioners present to express to the City Council the Commission's support for a Pilot Program and to include a budget allocation request of \$150,000 for the program (Absent: Finkelstein).

Action 2: Moved by Chair Boneberg, seconded by Commissioner Vidor and carried by Commissioners present that the Commission recommends the Program clearly support the diversity of Vallejo, including culture diversity, geographic diversity and creative diversity (meaning all forms of arts and cultural activities) (Absent: Finkelstein).

B. **Discussion on City-owned Artwork in Storage**

Recommendation: Discuss plans to address the City-owned artwork in storage, including the Marina Vista Collection.

Commissioner Finkelstein arrived during discussion of this item.

Speaker: Doug Darling.

Following discussion, which included a discussion with the Sister City and Sister City Association regarding the artwork donated by Akashi, Japan, the Commission directed staff to return with further discussion on this item at the Commission's next regular meeting.

Action: Moved by Chair Boneberg, seconded by Commissioner Finkelstein and carried unanimously to convey to the City Council the Commission's concern for

an urgent need of an inventory of City-owned artwork in storage and currently on display.

Further discussion followed including an attempt to do something over the next five years or dispose of the artwork. Over the next few meetings, it was the Commission's desire to provide concrete direction on the matter.

Further discussion followed regarding the placement of The Genius that was previously decided by the Commission.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Vidor for the Commission to reconsider the placement of The Genius to be placed potentially in the new Downtown Parking Garage. Motion died due to lack of a second.

C. Artwalk Discussion

Recommendation: Discuss the 2nd Friday Artwalk.

Speakers: Cathy O'Hare and Stan Clark.

Commission discussed how it could support the 2nd Friday Artwalk, including making recommendations for support to the City Council.

Action: Moved by Commissioner Finkelstein, seconded by Commissioner Giri and carried unanimously to request that the City actively engage and return to the Commission as soon as feasible with specific information on what it can do with regard to the following two aspects:

1. Security – either Police Department presence or the use of a security company.
2. Create a well-lit environment that will provide a better sense of security.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS, ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Definition of Culture Ad Hoc Committee Update

Vice Chair Brice provided a status update with Commissioner Bernhardt taking the lead.

B. Meeting scheduling for May and June

Action: Moved by Commissioner Vidor, seconded by Chair Boneberg and carried unanimously to cancel the May 28 regular meeting (as it falls on a legal holiday) and schedule a special meeting for June 4 to allow the Commission to discuss funding for Culture & Arts and associated matters. The June 25 regular meeting will continue as normal.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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- A. Addition of items to Future Agenda List
- Arts & Culture Assessment, Inventory and Planning
 - CCRC presentation
 - Art in Storage
 - Mad Hatter Presentation
 - Gift Policy
 - Funding Strategies
 - City-owned Arwork in Storage – next regular meeting
 - Letter endorsing Capital Steps Project – next regular meeting.
 - Implementing General Plan Recommendations on Culture & the Arts – future meeting

Action: Moved by Commissioner Finkelstein, seconded by Commissioner Vidor and carried to request City staff to create a chart delineating Committee or Commission duties and responsibilities that touches upon the Arts and that overlaps or is congruent with the CAC mission (Abstain: Boneberg).

Action: Moved by Commissioner Finkelstein, seconded by Commissioner Allen to invite representatives of each appointed City Board or Commission or independent of the City, ad-hoc in nature like the 2nd Friday Art Walk committee that touches upon or overlaps with the CAC mission to provide an explanation of their respective Commissions' methods of raising funds at the special meeting to be held on June 4.

Following discussion, a substitute motion was offered by Chair Boneberg to invite representatives from each appointed City Board or Commission to participate in this dialogue at an official meeting of the CAC as soon as possible.

Commissioner Vidor suggested that the Chair of each City Board or Commission provide a written statement explaining how they raise funds and be invited to participate in a dialogue with the CAC at a future meeting.

Chair Boneberg agreed with the suggestion. Commissioner Finkelstein withdrew his motion.

Final Action: Moved by Commissioner Vidor, seconded by Chair Boneberg and carried unanimously to request a written statement from each appointed City Board or Commission explaining how they raise funds and that it be presented to the Commission for review and discussion at its June 4 special meeting.

12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: June 4, 2018 @ 6 p.m. Special Meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

PAUL BONEBERG, CHAIR

ATTEST:

TERI KILLGORE, SECRETARY

**COMMISSION ON CULTURE & THE ARTS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARE ISLAND CONFERENCE CENTER
375 G STREET, VALLEJO, CA
JUNE 4, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boneberg at 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Boneberg and Commissioners Bernhardt, Allen and Vidor.

Excused Absences: Vice Chair Brice and Commissioner Finkelstein

Unexcused Absence: Commissioner Giri

Staff present: Assistant to the City Manager Killgore, Interim Housing & Community Development Director Morat and City Clerk Abrahamson (arrived at 6:15 p.m.).

Councilmember Verder-Aliga, liaison to the Commission arrived at 6:12 p.m.

3. ACTION CALENDAR – 6:10 pm

A. Public Arts Program Study Session

Recommendation: Discuss concepts and strategies for a Pilot City Art & Culture Program

Chair Boneberg distributed talking points to frame tonight's discussion. Commissioners and staff engaged in a discussion regarding long-term and short-term items, which include the following:

Long Term – Over a period of years (3 to 5 years) how should Vallejo budget ongoing funding for arts and culture activities?

Discussed amount of funding needed to have impact, how funds should be distributed to select activities and what mechanisms make this happen and how would this structured.

Short Term – Assuming funds are allocated from general fund (between \$50,000 and \$150,000), the Commission and staff discussed what the priorities might be for use of these funds, projects vs. grants to local groups and what mechanisms could be used to manage these funds and the projects supported.

Several members of the community were present and addressed the Commission, including providing the Commission with a proposal for support of the Art Walk.

The Commission discussed further asking the Council for more than the \$50,000 that is recommended in the proposed FY 2018-19 budget.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

PAUL BONEBERG, CHAIR

ATTEST:

TERI KILLGORE, SECRETARY