



Minutes
Of the City of Santa Clara, California
Cultural Commission
for meeting held on Monday, May 4, 2015

Recommendations for Council Action: Approve submitted budget.

- I. Call to order
Called to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Roll call of commissioners:
Present: Beavers, Forte, Lockwood, Neal, Ryan, Schuk (via phone)
Absent: Fagundes
Visitors: none
- III. Approval of minutes
Minutes from April 6, 2015. M/S/C
- IV. Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
See attached report
- V. Announcements
none
- VI. New Business
 - A. Budget recommendations
Budget worksheet shows initial thoughts for reallocation of funds.
Neal offers a statement about the purpose of the Cultural Commission. Schuk requests the statement be included in the minutes.

Neal's statement:

The Cultural Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the enhancement of multi-cultural experiences and beautification of the City through art. Recommendations to the City Council also includes programs and activities that encourage educational cultural, sports, technical and governmental exchanges to help acquaint citizens of Santa Clara with cultural and political diversity here and abroad.

That is the letter of our duties as Commissioners, however when I read the words, I read them in the spirit of our duties. I read the enhancement of multi-cultural experiences, was to provide the widest examples of cultural experiences as would be appropriate. This I

believe we have failed to do, by funding the same groups for decades at a monetary level that used up our monies, to the extent of excluding other cultural arts.

So when I read the spirit of our duties, I read that we were to bring as many forms of art, as we could, to involve as many citizens, as we could, to give opportunities to as many artists, as we could, to acquaint as many citizens, as we could, to the numerous cultures, and to beautify our city as much as we could.

Acquainting citizens of Santa Clara with cultural and political diversity here and abroad, on our part was, almost completely absent until we got involved with the Triton Museum in the First Friday's project. The Triton brought us cultural diversity, the Triton and Sister Cities was acquainting the citizens with cultural exchanges. The Triton gave opportunities to a wider range of artists.

As Sumaiya Elahi said to me, 'I would never have had the opportunity to produce public art, in my country of Bangladesh.' At this time I wonder how many of Sumaiyas we have left behind, to fend for their art lives, alone?

Budget approved for new line item: Opportunities for Local Event Development.
Budget voted on by line item. Budget approved. See attached budget.

B. Forte will attend June 23 City Council meeting to advertise the upcoming vacancy on the commission.

C. Public art for the 50th anniversary of the Super Bowl
Commission requested spreading the word for the proposal. Need 2 judges. Forte and Lockwood volunteer for May 27 meeting, which will probably occur from 1-4 p.m. Top three nominations to come before commission for final recommendation to Council.

VI. Unfinished

A. 1. Triton Solstice June 20 event - Discussion to fund performers as mentioned in March minutes. Allocate \$2000 from Multicultural event for bands. Forte and Schuk volunteer to work out entertainment schedule.

2. Triton Free Fridays - End of season. Commission to begin aiding Schuk in finding performers for next year. Staff notes that the city now requires contracts for services, too.

B. Chalk art fest
Deferred to next month

C. Concerts in the park
Review schedule and consider which event to volunteer to spearhead

D. Street dance

Sub-committee needs to organize non-profits. Lockwood sent proposals to food businesses.

E. Utility box art update

Gallery that coordinates San Jose's boxes contacted. Discussion appointment TBD. Gallery now wants a fee for coordination. Beavers and Lockwood to attend discussion.

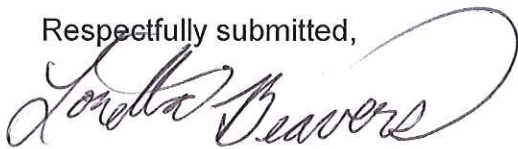
VII. Board meeting liaison confirmation for Triton Museum of Art & Sister Cities Association:

Sign-up sheet passed around and confirmed

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. to Monday evening, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Staff Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta Beavers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Loretta Beavers
Secretary