



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

06/07/2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely.

Via Zoom:

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Webinar ID: 982 7228 3531

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The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than ten (10) people gathering. The Chair will be present for the meeting with the staff liaison and commissioners participating remotely.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samara at 7:04 P.M.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, Vice Chair Jonathan Marinero, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 1 - Commissioner Niha Mathur

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-298](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Vice Chair Marinero that this item be approved. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair Marinero, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations. New commissioners McNamara and Vega were introduced to the commission.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-773](#) Cultural Commission Work Plan FY 2020/21

Recommendation: Provide status reports on the Cultural Commission work plan goals and activities for FY 2020/21.

The Commission discussed the work plan goals and reported on the progress in each area.

Goal #2-Art in Public Places

Commissioner von Huene reported that the updated version of the Breaking Free Sculpture Exhibition video will need to be posted on the website. Three (3) checks were submitted for the winners.

She reported that seventy-nine (79) entries were received for the Surviving Covid Exhibition. It was narrowed down to the top forty (40). There will be a second round of judging to reduce the number of finalists and agreements that will be needed.

The Art Map is published on the Cultural Commission webpage. It was suggested that for next year they should have sub-committees.

Commissioner Diaz reported that out of twenty-two (22) submissions, six (6) finalists were chosen by three (3) judges and locations were chosen. Winners have been notified and agreements are underway. She reported it was a smooth process. Staff will work with the winners on the painting instructions, order the anti-graffiti paint and Commissioner Diaz will approve the utility box and give the artist the anti-graffiti paint for the last step. Staff will also inform the artists that were not chosen.

Goal #3

Recreation Manager, Kim Castro reported that an artist was chosen and The Coloring Book Images have been approved. An agreement is underway and payment has been requested. Artist is redoing one of the pages.

Goal #4

There was a discussion about the NEA Grant and possible sponsors for events.

Commissioner von Huene will be attending the Americas for Arts Conference.

STAFF REPORT

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Samara reported that his son graduated from High School this year. He reported on the City Economics and Marketing committee and how the commission would contribute.

Commissioner von Huene mentioned the Economic Development meeting they attended. Mentioned metrix about economic activity that is driven by artistic events.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Vice Chair Marinaro that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, Vice Chair Marinaro, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

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