



Meeting Minutes

Arts Commission

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6:00 PM

Online or via phone

Register to attend:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dobler called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

In addition, Dryte Pareigis, Debra Peri and Arts Program Specialist Angel Nava were in attendance.

Present: 5 - Chair Frederick Dobler, Vice Chair Jim Burlingame, Commissioner Kathryn Dorgan, Commissioner Stacy Hicks and Commissioner Kathy Murray

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rose Clifthorne

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Dorgan moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0224](#)

Attachments: [OAC 2.11.21 Minutes](#)

Vice-Chair Burlingame moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hicks.

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dryte Pareigis introduced themselves as a member of the Heritage Commission.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners commented on past and upcoming arts events. Ms. Johnson shared that Commissioner Grisham has stepped down immediately, leaving 3 positions open on the Arts Commission. She shared information about upcoming stipends, asked for volunteers to serve with Heritage Commissioners on the ARCH and inclusion speaker series, and noted that Commissioner Dorgan has volunteered to serve as a juror for the 48th Annual Superintendent's High School Art Show. Commissioner Dorgan shared that there is room for more jurors (will confirm interest on behalf of Chair Dobler) and noted intent to serve on the speaker series sub-committee.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[21-0228](#) Recommendation of Arts Commission candidates for interview

Attachments: [Arts Applications REDACTED](#)

Commissioners reviewed the completed ranking matrix shared by staff. Chair Dobler indicated the final tally rang true to his review of the applications and found the top five ranked applicants to offer an interesting mix of skill sets and life experience. Vice-Chair Burlingame noted the applicant pool was weighted toward visual and performing arts, and would like to see literary arts better represented during the next recruitment.

Chair Hicks motioned to recommend the top five applicants (Gagnier, Clark, Lumbantobing, Maselli and Batt) for interview by the General Government Committee, seconded by Vice-Chair Burlingame.

Five candidates were recommended to the General Government Committee for interview.

[21-0229](#) Recommendation of Arts Commission 2021 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan to the General Government Committee

Attachments: [2021 OAC Work Plan](#)
[2021 Municipal Art Plan](#)

Chair Dobler asked for final comment on the 2021 Arts Commission Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan. Hearing none, he affirmed that both look good and reflect nice work on the part of Commissioners.

Vice-Chair Burlingame moved to forward both documents to the General Government Committee for review and recommendation to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Dorgan.

The 2021 Work Plan and Municipal Art Plan were approved and recommended to the General Government Committee.

[21-0232](#) Percival Plinth Project Recommendation

Ms. Nava shared the juror's recommendation of sixteen sculptures for the 2021 Percival Plinth exhibition. She reminded Commissioners that the seventeenth sculpture was approved last year and held over due to complications in casting due to COVID. In addition, Ms. Nava shared several issues that have come up since the jury: 1) One of the recommended sculptures is no longer available for loan, and the artist provided a substitute sculpture for Commission consideration 2) Due to a found and fixed tabulation error, two of the sculptures have traded places in the rankings.

Commissioners reviewed the original jury recommendation, the proposed replacement and the changes the tabulation repair made to slate of sculptures. Vice-Chair Burlingame spoke to his experience on the jury, virtual for the Plinth project for the first time. Commissioner Murray was pleased the process was able to support the artist who's 2020 participation had been affected by the pandemic, and Commissioners in general felt the modified slate of sculptures to be very strong. The slate is composed of sculptures by artists MacRae Wylde, Joseph Webb, Jim Johnson, Shawn Johnson, timm duffy, Jennifer Kapnek, Rodger Squirrel, Dan Brown, Ken Turner, Ed McCarthy, Robert Gigliotti and Aisha Harrison.

Commissioner Hicks moved to approve the slate of sculptures as modified, seconded by Vice-Chair Burlingame.

Commissioners recommended the slate of 17 sculptures as modified to City Council for approval.

[21-0230](#) Gifts of Art

Ms. Johnson provided update to Commissioners on progress regarding potential gifts of art.

Information only. No action requested.

7. REPORTS

[21-0225](#) Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

No report.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0226](#) Arts Program Support

Ms. Nava provided an Arts Month update and a sneak peak at the new website. Commissioners found the new platform to be professional and engaging. Commissioners discussed website possibilities for keeping artists information available to the public as well as exploring the potential for an ongoing fall Arts Month. Ms. Johnson shared that the Poet Laureate deadline extension closed with seven applications and will be moving forward. She also invited Commissioners to participate in the April 3 photo opportunity for the West Bay Art Crossing dedication that will take place during Council

Special Recognition on April 13.

Information only. No action requested.

[21-0227](#) ARCH Support

Ms. Johnson shared updates to the Armory Creative Campus effort.

Information only. No action requested.

8. OTHER TOPICS

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Upcoming

Accommodations