



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, July 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **Present:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members: George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Alan Pavlosky, Ann Wiens. **Absent:** Vice-Chair Blake Washington (Excused).
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**

Chair Cooper reported that Poet Laureate Evelyn Mitchell is working on a poetry reading event. She also noted that the recycling center is now open and hoped to resume El Cerrito Creative Reuse (ECCRU) Program soon.

Staff Liaison Orologas announced that the city buildings are now open limited hours to the public. The City is planning on fully open after Labor Day and having in person meetings again in October; however, it will depend on Covid-19 variants and related issues.
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Member Nichols **Action:** Motion to approve June 28, 2021, meeting minutes with amendment of one typographical correction and additional details on agenda item number 9b. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky, and Wiens. **Noes:** None. Minutes approved.
5. **ARTIST ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENTATION**

Receive information, conduct discussion and possible action regarding the Artist Engagement Subcommittee.

Action: Presentation received from Artist Engagement Subcommittee member Helion.
6. **UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS**

Discussion and possible action on possible upcoming ACC-sponsored events:

 - a. Chalk Festival

Moved/Second: Member Gager Cooper/Member Pavlosky **Action:** Motion to sponsor a Chalk Festival to be held at the City Hall on preferably Saturday, October 23, and October 24 as a backup date, with a budget not to exceed \$2000.00 to pay for supplies, stipends, and advertisement. The subcommittee will return with more details during next meeting.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky, and Wiens.
Noes: None. Passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler – expressed his excitement on the Chalk Festival.

7. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Workplan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Washington) None
- b. Long-Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee (Gager, Nichols, Wiens)
Member Nichols reported that he has been working on setting up a meeting.
- c. Community Outreach & Marketing Subcommittee (Gager, Washington, Wiens) None
- d. Artist Engagement Subcommittee (Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky) Already covered in Agenda 5
- e. Chalk Festival Subcommittee (Gager, Pavlosky, Wiens) Already covered in Agenda 6

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Library project, California Sound Collective, Free Folk Festival, Utility Box Program, Chalk Festival, and Poet Laureate event.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Allison Cooper, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of July 26, 2021, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orogas, Staff Liaison