



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, August 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

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1. **ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. **Present:** Chair Allison Cooper; Vice-Chair Blake Washington; Members: George Gager, Alan Pavlosky; **Absent:** Members: Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Ann Wiens (All excused).

 2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**

Chair Cooper reported her experience at Poetic Collaboration in the Courtyard event hosted by the current poet laureate Evelyn Mitchell in collaboration with the past poet laureates. She also shared the idea of combining Chalk Festival with Free Folk Festival.

Councilmember Rudnick announced the upcoming Special City Council Meeting on the Fiscal Recovery and Sustainability Plan and encouraged everyone to attend.

Staff Liaison Orologas further emphasized on the importance of attending the Fiscal Recovery and Sustainability Plan meeting. She also announced the current vacancies of advisory body groups and asked everyone to encourage others to apply.

 3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cordell Hindler – invited everyone to attend an upcoming performance at Contra Costa Civic Theater and expressed his desire for in person meetings again.

Bob Helliesen – reported that Free Folk Festival Committee had not been able to secure a venue, so the festival might be held virtually. However, he would be interested in exploring the idea of cohosting the event with Chalk Festival.

 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Chair Cooper **Action:** Motion to approve July 26, 2021, meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager and Pavlosky. **Noes:** None. Minutes approved.

 5. **EL CERRITO CREATIVE REUSE (ECCRU) CALL FOR ARTISTS (CFA)**

Discussion and action on the draft ECCRU CFA.

Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Chair Cooper **Action:** Motion to proceed with ECCRU Call for Artists as outlined in the draft.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Member Pavlosky **Noes:** Vice Chair Washington; Member Gager. Motion did not pass.

6. WORKPLAN

Discussion on Arts and Culture Commission workplan and template.
(Attachment)
Postponed to the next meeting due to lack of time.

7. FENCING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Staff update on Community Development's action to grant temporary use permits for fencing on certain private property lots to help alleviate blight/trespassing and proposed art requirement. Receive feedback on local community-based art organizations/providers.

Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler – stated that he would email Staff Liaison Orologas with a list of local art organizations.

8. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

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

a. Chalk Festival

Moved/Second: Member Cooper/Member Pavlosky **Action:** Motion to increase \$500 to the budget from \$2000.00 to \$2500.00.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager and Pavlosky

Noes: None. Passed unanimously.

9. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Workplan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Washington)
Chair Cooper reported that she had filled out the template provided in agenda 6 to be presented in the next meeting.

b. Long-Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee (Gager, Nichols, Wiens)
Member Gager raised his concerns on the 1% local legislation fee.

c. Community Outreach & Marketing Subcommittee (Gager, Washington, Wiens)
Vice Chair Washington reported that they had a productive meeting with many ideas including additional materials to post on the ACC website.

d. Artist Engagement Subcommittee (Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky) None.

e. Chalk Festival Subcommittee (Gager, Pavlosky, Wiens)
Already covered in Agenda 8.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Workplan, Utility Box Program, Chalk Festival, and Artist Engagement Subcommittee presentation.

Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler – suggested having a time allotment for each agenda item.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Blake Washington, Vice 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 August 23, 2021, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison