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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 — 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom meeting

MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call** – Roll Call and meeting began at 3:03pm.
In Attendance: Commissioners Krishnan, Seymour, Gordon, Stone, Hernandez Arriaga, McHugh, Heise, Sweeney, and Stewart
Absent: Commissioner Liaiga-Anoa'i
Staff: Robin Rodricks, Mara Grimes, Juda Tolmasoff
- 2. Agenda Amendments**
The word “None” was accidentally not deleted from the Agenda #6 – Action Item. Sam Stewart moved to alter the agenda by striking the word “None” and Jeanne Heise seconded the motion. Roll call vote: All approved
- 3. Oral Communications**
None
- 4. Consideration of Minutes**
March 17, 2021 meeting: Moved: Kimberly Gordon, seconded: Harini Krishnan, Roll Call Vote: approved unanimously.
June 23, 2021 meeting: Moved: Harini Krishnan, seconded: Stephen Seymour, Roll Call Vote: approved unanimously.
- 5. Reports**
 - A. Commissioner Reports:**
 - **Commissioner Krishnan:** Helped preside over virtual musical showcase fundraiser featuring Indian music for local nonprofit raising funds to fight domestic violence. The event was held on Zoom for 9 hours, July 17-18, 2021 and raised \$10,000. CA Arts Council funding resources live on the SMCAC website and Robin to add links for the Americans for Arts as well.
 - **Commissioner Seymour:** Met with Lions and Rotary Clubs at Caltrain properties. Looking for artists, high school and local. Met with San Bruno Police Chief, San Bruno Arts Commission, Supervisor Pine, and Ruth Waters to discuss the Peninsula Arts Museum which has been

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relocated to the Tanforan Mall. Will meet with San Mateo County Fair CEO to discuss taking over the art installation.

- **Commissioner Gordon:** Met with Elizabeth Stone, Robin Rodricks, and Mara Grimes to review the work plan.
- **Commissioner Stone:** Met with Yayoi Kambura regarding grants for the social justice project and plans to meet with members of the cohort. OAC is committed to the project and will make time to help it succeed.
- **Commissioner Hernandez Arriaga:** Visited a camp in her district for 60+ Spanish speaking children. The the was me re-entry and healing after Covid, focusing on both academics and cultural arts such as opera, mariachi/guitar, hip-hop, etc. The kids told her how worried they are about going back to school. One child told her, "I felt like I was in a cage during the pandemic, but the arts set me free!" The disparities have become wider and she would like to work with schools to provide more arts in the classrooms as healing tools.
- **Commissioner McHugh:** Main on Thursday in Half Moon Bay was a big success. The Pumpkin Festival will be held on October 16, 2021 and will be open to only local artists. SVOpen Studios will occur the last two weekends of September 2021. Attended the Coast Arts League event. They are one of our grantees, providing art classes to seniors. All class openings have been delayed due to the Delta outbreak.
- **Commissioner Heise:** Attended Winslow Street Causeway meeting with Commission Seymour and Robin Rodricks. Meetings will be held monthly to discuss options. Met with Supervisor Slocum and Commissioner Sweeney regarding the 5th Street & Middlefield underpass mural project, which is on County, not city land. Getting involved in the Healthy Community -19 art spaces, the OAC equity policy, and a project in North Fair Oaks next month.
- **Commissioner Sweeney:** Music at Menlo is opening in person at Menlo Atherton High tonight at half capacity and requiring masks and proof of vaccination. They will also offer livestream and outdoor concerts. These concerts are free.
- **Commissioner Stewart:** Also, attended the Winslow Street Causeway Project meeting.

B. Staff Reports

- **Robin Rodricks:** Hosted table at "Make it On Main" in Half Moon Bay with Poet Laureate. Meetings with Sheriff's Department re: Arts in Corrections program; Office of Equity & Social Justice and Irma Zoepf of the TheZBridge re: drafting of Equity Policy; funders – SVCF, Packard, and others; D4 Supervisor/staff on 5th Ave/Middlefield underpass project; Causeway Bridge Project launch; and SoSF Arts & Culture Commission Meeting.
- **Mara Grimes:** Reviewed the strategic work plan, meeting with Robin Rodricks, Elizabeth Stone, and Kimberly Gordon to adjust. Developing a plan for a streamlined trust-based grant program to launch Sept. 1. Creating common grant language to be used for future grants. Writing the CZI grant and co-writing the NEA grant both due 8/27/21. Will be working on outreach plan to SMCOE and connecting with educators re: Poetry Out Loud in August.
- **Juda Tolmasoff:** There is an uptick in cases – 12-17 people in SM Med. Center with active Covid. 11% of population hard to reach and unvaccinated. County vaccination rate 88.2%. Encourage everyone to get vaccinated and Health Officer is asking people to mask indoors again. Commissioner McHugh noted that coast side vaccination rates were low and asked if there were ways to make them more accessible. Popups are happening around the County.

6. Action Item

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for FY2021-22

Chair: Commissioners: Commissioner Seymour was elected Chair unanimously roll call vote.

Vice Chair: Commissioners Gordon and Liaiga-Anoa'i volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. Commissioner Gordon was elected unanimously by roll-call vote.

7 Discussion Items

A. Discussion of ad hoc committee review of strategic work plan

The Administrator-Manager and Executive Director Ad hoc committee met prior to the meeting to review plan and make suggestions re: re-prioritizations of initiative and tasks.

Proposed updated work plan was shared in agenda packet for commissioners to review ahead of the meeting. Administrator-Manager went through items noting that the bulk of work is slated for Year 1 as much of the work will be set in motion and then ongoing in subsequent years. Also, several of the initiatives were completed and others are underway already. The most notable changes were directly related to the pandemic, putting initiatives on hold, and issues around social justice/equity, moving initiatives forward.

B. Budget Update

Director provided a budget update noting that she was unable to obtain the actual numbers from the County as they were undergoing EOY wrap up. According to her figures, we currently have \$230,800 which includes funds rolled over from last FY.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 3:00-5:00pm