

ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

5:30 PM

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

City Hall, Wing Room W-120

- (a) Call to Order & Roll Call

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 PM by Vice-Chair K. Bernal

Roll Call:

Present: Nicholas Adams, Peter Allen, Kaela Bernal, Roma Dawson, Chris Esparza, Ben Miyaji, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Walter Soellner, Jessica Zenk

Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Sam Liccardo, District 3

Absent: Rick Holden (Chair);

Staff: K. Adams Hapner (OCA); L. Rogers (OCA); A. Biala (OCA); K. Park; T. Turnipseed (OCA); d. SIMON (D-3 Council Off.)

- (b) Announcements (1) (e.g., event announcements)

- (1) From the Public

None

- (2) From Commission members

- (i) T. Morrill reported that she had heard that Kaleid Gallery has been given notice to vacate to make room for the U.S. Patent Office and although this was known as a temporary location, the gallery has operated there for 8 years. [OCA Director K. Adams Hapner clarified that the gallery site is one of many possible locations under consideration however it has not been considered a high priority site for the U.S. Patent Office. The gallery site however has always been designated for commercial development generating important revenue for downtown, and it is fully-expected that there will eventually be a commercial tenant in there. Kaleid has always been aware of this and has had a month-to-month lease since moving in. R. Dawson asked that this item be agendaized for further discussion; it will be included in the Agenda review discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.]
- (ii) R. Dawson attended MACLA's event with a performance by lauded Bay Area performance artist Guillermo Gomes-Pena of La Pocha Nostra. The son of former Vice-Mayor Margie Matthews, who helped author the City's first cultural plan, produced a film entitled Zero Charisma that was show at Camera Cinema.
- (iii) N. Adams announced that Rotary Club had made its annual Don Goldeen award; this year's recipient was Chuck Toeniskoetter; partnership with Team San Jose was noted.
- (iv) P. Allen San Jose Statue University's production of the radio play "It's A Wonderful Life" was great

- (c) **ACTION: Approved Minutes for:**

- (1) **Regular Meeting of October 9, 2013**

Mvd/2nd: Miyaji/Adams. Passed: 10 yes; 0 No

- (2) **Special Meeting (Retreat) on November 13, 2013**

Mvd/2nd: Muriera/Allen. Passed: 10 yes; 0 No

- (d) Chair's Report

- (1) No report (not present.)

- (e) PRESENTATION: History San Jose
Presentation given by Alida Bray, Executive Director
- (f) Executive Committee Chair's Report
 - (1) Committee Chair K. Bernal reported.
 - (2) **ACTION: Approved a recommendation to accept the panel recommendation for the Creative Industries Incentive Fund – Round 2 awards**
Mvd/2nd: Allen/Miyaji. Passed: 9 yes; 0 No; 1 Abstention (C. Esparza)
Presented by A. Biala, OCA Staff member with comments provided by grantees: Adam Mayberry of Die Hard Co., Lorna Sulgit of The Sign Artist, Tommy Aguilar of Universal Grammar, and Mathew Gonzales of Moveable Feast.
 - (3) Arts Commission Retreat Review
Reviewed retreat outcomes and items for follow-up. K Adams Hapner announced that Cultural Connection Work Plan will be reviewed by City Council's Community & Economic Development Committee on March 14.
Discussion led by K. Bernal, Vice-Chair and K. Adams Hapner, OCA Staff
 - (4) REPORT: Arts Commission FY 2012-2013 Annual Report and FY 2013-2014 Workplan
Postponed: Will be brought back to February meeting.
- (g) Public Art Committee
 - (a) Committee Chair N. Adams reported on Public Art Committee Meeting of December 17, 2013
 - (b) **ACTION: Approved staff recommendation to appoint Richard James to the Public Art Advisory Committee for term ending June 30, 2015**
Mvd/2nd: Zenk/Esparza. Passed: 10 yes; 0 No
- (h) Reports
 - (1) Council Liaison – Hon. Sam Liccardo, Councilmember reported:
 - (a) Introduced Dylan Simon who will be sitting in for R. Henninger for the coming months while she is on leave of absence
 - (b) Possible action by Council to restore the July 4 fireworks festival to help restore a tradition of many year; this will use \$30,000 in funds to be identified as part of the mid-year budget process as a “one-time pilot” to match a one-time donation; funds would come out of the FY 2013-2014 budget. T. Turnipseed clarified that in the past the America Festival had annually received approximately \$25,000 special funding from the Mayor's Office and a Festival, Parades and Celebrations Grant ranging from \$25,000-\$30,000. In discussion it was noted that gating the event helped to generate funding but much of the funding went to pay the City for police costs.
[Note: this report was taken after Item e.]
 - (2) Office of Cultural Affairs (Note: written report included in Agenda packet.)
 - (a) Monthly report K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs, reported:
 - (i) Levitt Pavilion is under consideration as an enhancement for St. James Park; K. Adams Hapner is on the exploratory committee as an advisor. This is not a City committee; it is a citizens advisory group. Steve Hammack of the City's Parks Department is also attending. She will provide updates as this progresses
 - (ii) City Council will review several items of interest on its January 14 agenda including the funding appropriation for the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town grant and approval of the receipt of funds for an agreement with Mel Chin Studios for project management services provides by public art staff member M. Rubin.
 - (3) Arts Commission Liaisons
 - (a) Arts & Culture Roundtable – R. Muriera: No report as there had been no meeting.
 - (b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – W. Soellner was unable to attend their meeting but R. Dawson who sits on their Advisory Committee provided an update on upcoming

performances by Coalition members; their annual Arts Panorama fundraiser at Petit Trianon is coming up.

- (c) Silicon Valley Creates – P. Allen attended their board meeting on December 11, 2013; reported that the organization will soon launch a new website; their Arts Ed Connect website is successfully reaching thousands of youth/students; the organization is working on refocusing on its traditional grants programs, with some changes with announcements in the coming months.
- (d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – T. Morrill reported: attended SOFAC meeting on December 4, 2013 with discussion on marketing SoFA businesses, farmers’ market status, a proposal for and “Tap & Run” beer run, and ”Pixels”, an event at Mosaic on January 29 featuring a showcase of artists.
- (e) Team San Jose – B. Miyaji: No report

(i) Public Forum

None.

(j) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 PM by Vice-Chair K. Bernal

Minutes recorded & posted by L. Rogers (OCA)