

ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES

5:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

City Hall, Wing Room W-120

Meeting was audio-recorded.

(a) Call to Order & Roll Call

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:35 PM by Chair R. Holden

Roll Call:

Present: Rick Holden (Chair), Nicholas Adams (arrived after Item c.), Roma Dawson, Chris Esparza (left after Item f.), Ben Miyaji, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Walter Soellner, Jessica Zenk

Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Sam Liccardo, District 3 (Not present.)

Absent: Peter Allen, Kaela Bernal

City Staff: K. Adams Hapner (OCA); L. Rogers (OCA); A. Biala (OCA); K. Park (OCA); J. Easton (OCA);

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

(1) From the Public

None.

(2) From Commission members

(i) T. Morrill: attended the February 24 new Del Monte Park Public Art Project artist selection meeting as an observer from the Public Art Committee; it was convened at City Hall by Public Art Program staff.

(ii) W. Soellner: commented on recent 1st Friday events. Raised issue about how the City's Arts Program supports literary arts. [Note: Staff provided explanation about City arts funding - how literary arts are funded in Cultural Funding Portfolio along with other disciplines and presently several organizations doing literary work do receive funding; City does not fund individual artists with exception of public art commissions].

(iii) B. Miyaji: T. Morrill did a presentation about San Jose's Downtown Doors for Palo Alto's Public Art Committee/Arts Commission; it was very well-received and they are anxious to initiate similar project.

(iv) N. Adams: Commended Opera San Jose production of Madama Butterfly. Announced upcoming Symphony Silicon Valley performance of Carmina Burana.

(c) **ACTION: Approved Minutes for Regular Meeting of February 12, 2014**

Mvd/2nd: Miyaji/Muriera. Passed as corrected: 7 yes; 0 No; 1 abstention (W.Soellner, due to absence from the 2/12/14 meeting)

(d) Chair's Report

(1) Report given.

(2) 2014 Cornerstone of the Arts Award:

(a) Appointed Nomination Committee: N. Adams to chair, with B. Miyaji, R. Dawson; R. Holden would like to include last year's awardee Irene Dalis and will contact her about her participation.

- (d) Chair's Report, continued.
 - (2) 2014 Cornerstone of the Arts Award, continued.
 - (b) Review of honoree nomination process: Process of was discussed; nomination forms were distributed to the Commission. Submittal deadline is April 18; event will be held in September 2014. Discussion included the suggestion to contact nominees for their consent prior to submitting a nomination.
- (e) PRESENTATION: Opera San Jose
Presentation given by Larry Hancock, General Manager
- (f) REPORT: Public Art Program Update
Director of Cultural Affairs K. Adams Hapner provided update on status of Public Art Program projects, staffing, and funding
- (g) Executive Committee Chair's Report
 - (1) Commission Chair R. Holden reported for Committee Chair K. Bernal.
 - (2) REPORT: FY 2014-15 Budget process update
Report presented by Director of Cultural Affairs K. Adams Hapner
 - (3) **ACTION: Approved making a recommendation to City Council that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 Operating Budget for the Cultural Funding Portfolio reflect the following recommended percentage levels, subject to available funding: 78% for the Operating Grants (OpG), 10% for take pART Grants, and 12% for Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants (FPC), and that Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) staff and grant review panels follow the recommended percentages in developing grant award recommendations to City Council.**
Mvd/2nd: Dawson/Miyaji. Passed: 8 yes; 0 No
Presented by K. Park, OCA Staff member
- (h) Public Art Committee
 - (b) Committee Chair N. Adams reported
 - (c) Public Art Committee meeting updates
Announcement was made that the Committee had rescheduled its regular February 18 meeting to March 18 to accommodate project scheduling issues; the Committee will meet on hold its regular meeting in April, but the date is changed April 22 to accommodate scheduling issues including conflict with the City Clerk's annual Boards & Commissions recognition event that is held on April 15.
- (i) Reports
 - (1) Council Liaison – Hon. Sam Liccardo, Councilmember
No report – not present.
 - (2) Office of Cultural Affairs
 - (b) Monthly report – K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs, reported.
Report detailed in the written monthly report, included in the Agenda packet.
 - (3) Arts Commission Liaisons
 - (a) Arts & Culture Roundtable – R. Muriera reported: Attended February 28 meeting. Major points of discussion were facility maintenance issues and organizational updates.
 - (b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – W. Soellner reported: attended Silicon Valley Arts Coalition meeting on March 8 at Mexican Heritage Plaza; discussion focused on marketing and on organization/activity updates.
 - (c) Silicon Valley Creates – No report.
 - (d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – T. Morrill reported: attended a recent SoFAC meeting; focus has been on a survey to help shape their upcoming Mayoral Candidates Forum.
 - (e) Team San Jose – B. Miyaji: No report.

(i) Reports, continued.

(3) Arts Commission Liaisons, continued.

(f) Levitt Pavilion Exploratory Committee – R. Holden reported: Attended a first meeting and is moving forward to explore the idea; this will be a process over time. Presently assessing and addressing concerns of immediate neighbors and other stakeholders. Levitt is very experienced with their model which has been successful in a number of cities elsewhere; considered an interesting model. If it goes forward, it may require ongoing City subsidy but may attract more business and activity to the area; both are factors to be evaluated by Exploratory Committee.

(j) Public Forum

OCA Staff L. Rogers announced two upcoming events that Commissioners may not have received notices about:

1. Japantown Artwalk – Friday March 14 many galleries and creative businesses in Japantown will stay open late to encourage people to come and explore the area.
2. Mexica New Year Festival – A large scale festival event on March 14 – 16 that is a lunar new year celebration reflecting indigenous Mexica culture and traditions; held at Emma Prusch Farm Park and featuring many forms of cultural expression including dance and music, this annual event has grown and is one of the largest in the country, now drawing several thousand people each year many who travel here from out of the area.

(k) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 PM by Chair R. Holden

Minutes recorded & posted by L. Rogers (OCA)