

**ARTS COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES**

**5:30 PM**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

**City Hall, Wing Room W-120**

Meeting was audio-recorded.

(a) Call to Order & Roll Call

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:33 PM by Chair R. Holden**

**Roll Call:**

**Present: Rick Holden (Chair), Nicholas Adams, Peter Allen, Kaela Bernal, Roma Dawson, Ben Miyaji, Tina Morrill, Ron Muriera, Walter Soellner,**

**Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Sam Liccardo, District 3 (Not present; represented by staff.)**

**Absent: Chris Esparza, Ron Muriera (excused)**

**City Staff: Kerry Adams Hapner (OCA); Lynn Rogers (OCA); Arlene Biala (OCA); Jennifer Easton (OCA); Dylan Simon (District 3); Scott Hughes (District 9)**

**Guests: Jessica Zenk, former Arts Commissioner (Item b)(3)(ii); Romeo Ferrer, District 5 resident and Arts Commission applicant (Item f.)**

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

(1) From the Public

- (i) Chris Giangreco representing the Winchester Orchard Neighborhood Assn.: newly-formed association; its primary focus is saving the Century 21 Winchester Avenue dome theater from destruction as it is an historic structure. Would like to see it retained as a theater or space for public artistic events/activities as it has always had a link to the arts through cinema/film. Suggested that it is an opportunity for the City to have another arts venue. W. Soellner noted a number of other preservation groups are already involved including the Historic Landmark Commission, Historic Preservation Council and others; asked what role the Arts Commission's purview related to preservation of historic cultural buildings. K. Adams Hapner noted that Arts Commission is not involved in architectural issues but it could be possible that this is an historic arts space. Chair Holden noted that as it is the Arts Commission's purview to advise Council, it might consider doing so on the dome theater should this come before Council and also that members of the Commission can do so as individuals if they are in support of this, but not representing the Commission unless the Commission has formally approved its support.

(2) From Commission members

- (i) T. Morrill: 1st Friday activities. Also, attended the "Meet the Artist" community meeting for the Del Monte Park public art project.
- (ii) R. Dawson: Mayoral Candidates Forum on the Arts is upcoming on Wednesday April 23 at the San Jose Repertory Theatre; there are also "community budget meetings" throughout May in most Council Districts.
- (iii) B. Miyaji: The Take pART grant panel was very well done; A. Biala (OCA staff) commended Commissioners Allen, Miyaji and Muriera as panelists and Dawson for sitting in to observe the process.
- (iv) K. Bernal: National arts advocacy – went to Museums Association national arts seminar; shared information about Senator King's 2014 tax reform which has many points related to charitable income and non-related business income that will impact arts organizations; she suggested that this is very important for the Commission to follow.

- (c) **ACTION: Approved Minutes for Regular Meeting of March 12, 2014**  
**Mvd/2nd: B. Miyaji/N. Adams. Passed: 8 yes; 0 No; 2 abstentions: Allen, Bernal as they were not present at the March 12 meeting.**
- (d) Chair's Report
- (1) Report given.
    - (i) Recap/review of Inaugural Silicon Valley Contemporary Arts Showcase at San Jose Convention Center
    - (ii) Annual City Clerk's Boards and Commission's Recognition Event upcoming on Tuesday April 15 at 5:30 PM in the Rotunda.
- (g) PRESENTATION: Kaisahan of San Jose Dance Company  
 Presentation given by Helen Moreno, General Manager, with Board and company members
- (h) ACTION ITEM: Approved recommendation that the Arts Commission forward a recommendation to **City Council to approve the 2014-16 Prioritized Workplan to implement Cultural Connection: San Jose's Cultural Plan for 2011-2020**  
**Mvd/2nd: B. Miyaji/K. Bernal. Passed: 10 yes; 0 No**  
 Presented by K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs
- (i) Election Committee
- (1) Committee Chair Ben Miyaji announced the FY2014-15 candidates:  
 Commission Chair: Rick Holden  
 Vice-Chair: Peter Allen, Ron Muriera
  - (2) Election will be held at the May 14 Arts Commission meeting
- (j) 2014 Cornerstone of the Arts Award Committee
- (1) Committee Chair Nick Adams provided update on nomination process and upcoming deadline
    - (i) Must submit to Chair Adams by the April 18 deadline
    - (ii) Several nominations received to date
    - (iii) Duplicate nominations are not an issue.
- (i) Executive Committee Chair's Report
- (1) Commission Chair K. Bernal: No report as Committee did not meet.
- (j) Public Art Committee
- (a) Committee Chair N. Adams reported:
    - (i) Artist Larry Kirkland had been selected to create public art for the Berryessa BART station; there will be some kind of public meeting in late April/early May.
    - (ii) San Jose Environmental Innovation Center will open on Friday, May 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. featuring public art by Peter Richards
    - (iii) There will be a downtown public art tour led by Jennifer Easton Saturday March 12 as part of the Arts Fest.
    - (iv) SPUR will include public art in its April 24 feature presentation on Creative Placemaking; J. Easton will speak.
    - (v) San Jose State University exhibit of work by artist graduates will open in City Hall exhibit spaces in late April.
    - (vi) Next Public Art Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 22 in W-119 at 5:30 PM
- (k) Reports
- (1) Council Liaison – Hon. Sam Liccardo, Councilmember (Note: this item was taken before Agenda item (b)(1))
    - (a) D. Simon reported that the Council meeting on Tuesday April 15 will be adjourned in memory of Steve French.
    - (b) On behalf of Councilmember S. Liccardo, District 3 staff member Dylan Simon presented a commendation to former Arts Commissioner Jessica Zenk for her service on the Arts Commission.

- (k) Reports, continued
  - (2) Office of Cultural Affairs
    - (a) Monthly report – K. Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs, reported.  
Report detailed in the written monthly report, included in the Agenda packet.
    - (b) Cultural Affairs Director K. Adams Hapner announced that the City Manager had appointed Jennifer Easton to be Public Art Program Director. (Note: this item was taken before Agenda item (b)(1))
  - (3) Arts Commission Liaisons
    - (a) Arts & Culture Roundtable – R. Muriera: No report (absent).
    - (b) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – W. Soellner: No report.
    - (c) Silicon Valley Creates – P. Allen reported there was no board meeting but they launched 1st meeting of their NextGen cohort which is small grants for arts organizations to do nextgen audience development projects. (K. Adams Hapner noted that OCA provided a \$35,000 grant to support this which was matched by a grant from the Knight Foundation.
    - (d) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – T. Morrill reported there was no meeting, but she distributed information about the upcoming Downtown & Special Events Brown Bag presentations
    - (e) Team San Jose – B. Miyaji: No report.
    - (f) Levitt Pavilion Exploratory Committee – R. Holden reported that the exploratory work continues.
- (l) Public Forum
  - (1) OCA Staff L. Rogers reminded the Commission that the City Clerk is still accepting applications to serve on the Arts Commission.
- (k) Adjourn
  - Meeting adjourned: 7:40 PM by Chair R. Holden

Minutes recorded & posted by L. Rogers (OCA)