

**ARTS COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING: MINUTES**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2013**

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

Meeting was not audio-recorded

(a) Call to Order & Roll Call

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Commission Council Liaison: Hon. Sam Liccardo attended.**

**Absent: Chris Esparza, Walter Soellner, Jessica Zenk**

**Staff: K. Adams Hapner (OCA); L. Rogers (OCA); K. Park (OCA); A. Biala (OCA); J. Easton (OCA); R. Henninger (D-3 Council Off).**

(b) Announcements

(1) From the Public (e.g., event announcements)

- (a) Larry Coran, representing the Steinway Society provided background about the organization, its activities and its presence in San Jose
- (b) Tom Ingalls, representing the South Bay Guitar Society announced upcoming performances on September 1
- (c) Tom Ingalls, representing the Silicon Valley Arts Coalition announced the 12<sup>th</sup> year of their celebration honoring local journalists on September 19; this year's honorees will be Michael Gantt (retired from Metro Paper) and Sally Howe (Campbell Express)
- (d) Tom Ingalls, representing the Mission Chamber Orchestra announced the 5<sup>th</sup> free lunchtime concert at Petit Trianon featuring MCO with other performers. Noted attendance has been good for all performances to date, ranging from 50-120 attendees. Owner is providing the venue pro bono.
- (e) Roy Hirabayashi, representing San Jose Taiko announced celebration of 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 5 at the Center for Performing Arts; also upcoming collaboration with Teatro Campesino and Luis Valdez in San Juan Bautista, a production they all would like to bring to San Jose.

(2) From Commission members

(a) Announcements provided by:

- (i) Tina Morrill
- (ii) Nicholas Adams
- (iii) Roma Dawson
- (iv) Ron Muriera
- (v) Peter Allen
- (vi) Ben Miyaji

(c) Approval of Minutes:

**(1) ACTION: Approved Regular Meeting of May 8, 2013**

Mvd/2nd: Miyaji/Dawson. Passed: 8 yes; 0 No;

- (d) Commission Chair's Report
  - (1) Chair Holden gave report
  - (2) Gave reminder that Cornerstone of the Arts event is September 6 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM and that this is a significant event for the Commission, to make its 1<sup>st</sup> "Cornerstone" award to Irene Dalis.
- (e) **ACTION: Approved recommendation that the Commission endorse the Advisory Committee on Permanent Governance's recommendation to City Council to select the School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza as the permanent operator of the Mexican Heritage Plaza.**

Mvd/2nd: Bernal/Muriera. Passed: 8 yes; 0 No;

Item presented by Staff, Office of Cultural Affairs and Tamara Alvarado, Exec. Director of School of Arts & Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza with staff member Vanessa Shih

Speakers from public: R. Hirabayashi; S. McCray

- (f) Executive Committee
  - (1) Committee Chair had no report
- (g) Public Art Committee
  - (1) Chair's Report: No report
  - (2) Report on June 18 2013 meeting: report provided.
  - (3) **ACTION: Review and recommend that the City Council accept the Five-Year Public Art Work Plan as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-18 Capital Improvement Program Budget**

Mvd/2nd: Miyaji/Allen. Passed: 8 yes; 0 No;

Item presented by J. Easton, Office of Cultural Affairs

- (h) Reports
  - (1) Council Liaison – District 3 Councilmember Hon. Sam Liccardo.  
No report
  - (2) Office of Cultural Affairs  
REPORT GIVEN by OCA Director K. Adams Hapner.
    - (a) Written report provided.
    - (b) Update: Provided update on status of City Clerk's Board and Commission's Reform, noting that all members of the Arts Commission, along with most other Commissions, have been assigned to represent specific Council Districts and the Mayor; these may be different than the district in which they live. This is part of the previously announced process of implementing Council-approved reforms. Terms for new appointees have been extended to 4 years. Staff will provide more updates as the process continues.
  - (3) Arts Commission Liaisons
    - (a) Advisory Committee on Permanent Governance for Mexican Heritage Plaza – Jessica Zenk: NO REPORT (absent) It was announced that as the appointment of SOAC as the permanent operator for Mexican Heritage Plaza, there will no longer be a liaison report for this.
    - (b) Arts & Culture Roundtable – Ron Muriera: NO REPORT
    - (c) Santa Clara Co. Office of Education – Ron Muriera: : NO REPORT (It was announced that L. Gonzales has left SCCOE and there is considerable transition and cutbacks to the arts education program there so there will no longer be a liaison organization will no longer have a liaison
    - (d) Silicon Valley Arts Coalition – Walter Soellner: NO REPORT (absent)
    - (e) Silicon Valley Creates – Peter Allen: REPORT GIVEN. Will present to Commission in September on this merger between Arts Council Silicon Valley and 1<sup>st</sup> Act.

(h) Reports, continued

(3) Arts Commission Liaisons, continued

- (f) Team SJ – Ben Miyaji: REPORT GIVEN. Team San Jose has a new chief executive Karolyn Kirchgesler who will replace Bill Sherry when he retires in September; suggested they want to do a presentation to the Arts Commission.
- (g) South First Area Committee (SOFAC) – Tina Morrill: REPORT GIVEN. Noted great concern about a recent fatal shooting late in the evening after a recent 1<sup>st</sup> Friday event; not connected to 1<sup>st</sup> Friday but has raised concerns; needs some good public relations.

(i) Public Forum

N. Adams announced that Lee Kopp, marketing person for Ballet San Jose, has left that organization and gone to Symphony Silicoan Valley to lead the Art Spark program.

(j) Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED: 815 PM by Chair R. Holden

Minutes recorded & posted by L. Rogers (OCA)