



MINUTES

MEETING OF THE Arts and Culture Commission

Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
This meeting was held via teleconference.

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CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols (initially absent), Blake Washington, Ann Wiens.

2. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Staff Liaison Maya Williams reported that the 2020 Census appears to have been extended beyond September 30, that there have been several inquiries about and submissions for the Utility Box Public Art Pilot Program, and that due to budget decisions, her position will not be funded beyond December 2020.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Member (Helion/Cazden) **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting as submitted. **Ayes:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Blake Washington, Ann Wiens. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

5. **FISCAL UPDATE**

Staff Liaison Williams provided an update on the 1% for Public Art fund. (Attachment) Discussion occurred regarding the Master Plan and possible projects and direction.

(Member Bill Nichols joined the meeting at this time.)

6. **PROGRAM LIAISON SELECTION**

Staff provided a report about the role of ACC program liaisons. Member Bill Nichols agreed to act as the ACC liaison for the Utility Box Public Art Pilot Program.

7. POET LAUREATE CALL FOR ARTISTS

Discussion took place about the amended Poet Laureate Call for Artists.

Moved/Second: Member (Cazden/Helion) **Action:** Passed a motion to proceed with release of the Poet Laureate Call for Artists, with a change to increase the stipend to \$4000 for the Poet Laureate term. **Ayes:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington, Ann Wiens. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

8. ECCRU CALL FOR ARTISTS

Discussion took place about the proposed ECCRU Call for Artists.

Moved/Second: Member (Nichols/Wiens) **Action:** Passed a motion to proceed with release of the ECCRU Call for Artists, with a change to increase the stipend to \$1500 for the ECCRU Artist in Residence term. **Ayes:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington, Ann Wiens. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

9. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, October 10, 2020, 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. (virtual)

10. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Community Outreach Subcommittee (Cazden, Gager, Washington): no update
- b. Recreation Liaison subcommittee (Cazden, Helion, Cooper): awaiting feedback from most recent meeting with Rec staff.
- c. Visual Arts Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Nichols): reported on meeting with Heidi Goldstein (El Cerrito Library) and conditions at the library. Intention is for Goldstein to submit a proposal for ACC's consideration.

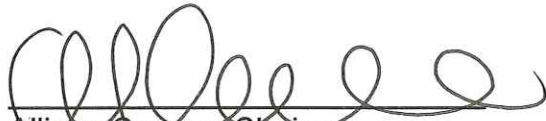
11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- a. Discussion on the Master Plan and the Work Plan
- b. Presentation by City Planning Manager on development projects in progress.




12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Allison Cooper, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of September 28, 2020 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.



Maya Williams, Staff Liaison