

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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 ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present: Chair Allison Cooper; Vice-Chair Blake Washington; Members: George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Alan Pavlosky, Ann Wiens (arrived at 7:05 PM) Absent: None

2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Rudnick provided a brief update on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and announced the reopening of the City Hall in July.

Chair Cooper reported that she is in communication with Folks Festival and California Sound Collective organizers for future collaborations.

Staff Liaison Orologas provided more details on the reopening of City buildings. She also shared the exciting news of an El Cerrito native and El Cerrito High School graduate, Sean Bennett, who is competing in Tour de France this year.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Member Wiens **Action:** Motion to approve May 24, 2021 meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky, and Wiens. **Noes:** None. Minutes approved.

5. ULITITY BOX PUBLIC ART PILOT PROGRAM

Receive a informational presentation from Staff Liaison Orologas on the outcome of the Utility Box Public Art Pilot Program

Action: Presentation received.

6. EVALUATION OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEES & MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

Discussion and possible action on the four newly established ad-hoc subcommittees (Workplan & Mini Grant, Long-Term Vision/Sustainability, Community Outreach & Marketing, and Artist Engagement) and the assignment of subcommittee membership

Moved/Second: Chair Cooper/Member Nichols **Action:** Motion to schedule each Ad-hoc subcommittee with an end date and to define a long term plan to determine whether to form a standing subcommittee. Each Ad-hoc subcommittee to provide a presentation by the regular ACC monthly meeting date listed below:

Work Plan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Washington) - September, 2021

Long Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee (Gager, Nichols, Wiens) - December, 2021

Community Outreach & Marketing Subcommittee (Gager, Washington, Wiens) – October, 2021

Artist Engagement Subcommittee (Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky) - August, 2021

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky, and Wiens. Noes: None. Passed unanimously.

7. MINI GRANT PROGRAM

Discussion and possible action on Mini Grant Program Guidelines **Moved/Second:** Member Pavlosky/Chair Cooper **Action:** Motion to approve a list of updated Mini Grant core principles to be formalized by Staff Liaison. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky, and Wiens. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

8. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

Discussion and possible action on possible upcoming ACC-sponsored events a. Chalk Festival

Moved/Second: Chair Cooper/Member Pavlosky **Action:** Motion to establish an Ad-hoc subcommittee with members Gager, Pavlosky and Wiens for the October Chalk Festival to be held at the City Hall.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky, and Wiens. Noes: None. Passed unanimously.

9. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Workplan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Washington) No report.
- b. Long-Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee (Gager, Nichols, Wiens) Commissioner Nichols reported that they have met with Planning Manager, Sean Moss, to discuss on the use of public art funding and having the developers for upcoming projects meet with ACC members during early stage of planning.
- c. Community Outreach & Marketing Subcommittee (Gager, Washington, Wiens) No report.
- d. Artist Engagement Subcommittee (Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky) No report.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING and needs and then

Artist Engagement Subcommittee presentation and Chalk Festival discussion

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 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 June 28, 2021 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison