



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

04/05/2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely.

Via Zoom:

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Webinar ID: 982 7228 3531

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The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than ten (10) people gathering. The Chair will be present for the meeting with the staff liaison and commissioners participating remotely.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samara at 7:09 P.M.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Niha Mathur, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-296](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Mathur that this item be approved. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-482](#) Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Recommendation: Provide status reports on the FY 2020/21 Cultural Commission work plan goals and activities.

The Commission discussed the work plan goals and reported on the progress in each area.

Goal #2-Commissioner von Huene shared that 16 agreements were received for the Virtual Sculpture Exhibition. The photos will be posted on the website and the public will vote on their favorite. The video will follow at a later date. Commissioner von Huene reported as of 4/5, 41 applications were received for the Surviving Covid Project. The kickoff meeting will be after 4/15. Only one artist is from the youth category. The judges were discussed.

Commissioner Diaz shared an updated presentation on the Utility box project. All six (6) boxes have been identified. Call for Artists will be on 4/19 and closes on 5/3. Winners will be announced at the June meeting.

Commissioner Mathur shared the Art map has been updated with all the Utility Box locations.

Goal #3-Commissioner Diaz shared a rough draft of the coloring book for the Commemorative months.

Goal #4-The Commission will be attending the City Council meeting on 4/6. Will mention the NEA Grant, as well as how the commission celebrates diversity through art and events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Sulcer, that \$4,500 be allocated to the Utility Art Box project for the first round of six (6) boxes. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner von Huene, that the judging panel for the Utility Box project will consist of Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Mathur and Commissioner von Huene. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Sulcer, that \$1,200 be allocated for the Commemorative Months coloring book. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro discussed a fun event that just concluded, "Let's Eggsplare Santa Clara". She mentioned a virtual ribbon cutting video for Homeridge and Creekside Parks and Raymond G. Gamma Dog Park that is being rehabilitated. She mentioned spring classes started the week of April 5 and staff are programming for Summer. She also mentioned budget challenges and food service projects the City is undertaking.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene mentioned she attended the California for the Arts South Bay Regional Networking meeting on March 25. She shared a slide deck from Arts, Culture and Creativity Month (ACCM) that was declared in 2019 by the California Senate to be every April. She mentioned there is a full day virtual ACCM convening on April 27. She thanked staff for working on the Virtual Sculpture agreements.

Commissioner Diaz formally thanked City staff for their work on the Utility Box project.

[21-562](#)

California Arts, Culture, & Creativity Month April 2021 Post Meeting Material

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Aye: 5 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene,
Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

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