



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

06/06/2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e) and City of Santa Clara Resolution 22-9087, the Cultural Commission meeting will be held by teleconference only. No physical location will be available for this meeting; however, the City of Santa Clara continues to have methods for the public to participate remotely:

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair von Huene called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in honor of Pride Month.

Chair von Huene noted that June is Pride Month and that the City of Santa Clara hosted a flag raising event with a variety of speakers at City Hall on Friday, June 3, 2022.

Present 5 - Commissioner Siddarth Sundaram, Vice Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Chair Candida Diaz, and Commissioner Paul McNamara

Absent 2 - Commissioner Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Jennifer Vega

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A 22-862 Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2022

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2022

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

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Sundaram, Vice Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Diaz, and Commissioner McNamara

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Vega

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [22-705](#) Discussion of Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2021/22 & Proposed FY2022/23.

Recommendation: Provide updates to Cultural Commission Work Plan goals and activities for FY 2021/22.

Commissioners reported the following updates to the Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23.

Goal # 1-Host and enhance multicultural events to encourage and acquaint Santa Clara residents with cultural diversity.

Concert Series-free outdoor concerts starting in July. **Commissioners Samara and Sundaram** will meet regarding Friday Night Lights.

Commissioner Samara mentioned there needs to be at least two (2) commissioners at each event. He will prepare a spreadsheet on the Google Drive and commissioners will sign up to attend the concerts.

Goal #2-Develop and encourage interactive, art opportunities to provide temporary, performing, cultural, and public art in the City.

Temporary Art-No new updates were provided regarding temporary art installations. Suggestion was made by **Chair von Huene** to keep this item on the Work Plan for next year.

Art Map is an ongoing project and is currently updated.

Utility Box Art Project-Vice Chair Diaz shared a presentation on the Utility Boxes for 2022. She shared the six (6) proposed locations by district. Ages will be 15 and up, with parent approval, budget will remain the same, \$750 per artist, proposed budget of \$4,500. Judging panel will be commissioners. Call for Artists-June 13-July 5.

Surviving Covid Pocket Exhibition-Has been completed. Winners were notified and invited to the City Council Meeting On June 7 to receive certificates of recognition. Award checks have been processed. They will be featured at the Triton Museum Exhibition in late July-August. Pocket Video will be shared once completed.

Goal # 3-Raise visibility of commemorative months. Staff included the Coloring Book in the City Hall News and Parks & Recreation Newsletter for the month of June.

Goal #4-Enhance communication and media strategy to increase community awareness of the Cultural Commission. Commissioners

McNamara and **Marinaro** will meet regarding this and report back with an update in August.

Council & Authorities Concurrent Meeting- On June 7-There will be a presentation to the City Council by the Cultural Commission. **Chair von Huene** shared the presentation she will be presenting at the meeting highlighting the Surviving Covid Exhibition and upcoming and past commission projects. The commission enjoyed seeing the presentation of the highlights and all are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Goal #5-Prepare for Citywide Arts Master Plan Process. This is a Multi-year process. Grant proposal is due in August of next year. **Chair von Huene** mentioned she would like to see the goal included in the FY 2022/23 Work Plan.

3. [22-704](#) Discussion and Development of Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2022/23

Recommendation: Develop and recommend Cultural Commission work plan goals and activities for FY 2022/23.

Chair von Huene mentioned if commissioners had any Goals or Objectives they would like to be included in FY 2022/23 that they should inform staff by July 15, so it can be included in the August meeting agenda.

Commissioner McNamara would like to see Art Education included.
Commissioners Samara, Diaz and McNamara will meet to discuss.

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara, seconded by Vice Chair Diaz, to include the Utility Box Art Program for FY 2022-23 with a budget allocation of \$4,500.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Sundaram, Vice Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Diaz, and Commissioner McNamara

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Vega

4. [22-712](#) Election of Cultural Commission Chair and Vice Chair to serve a One Year Term for FY2022/23

Recommendation: Elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson to serve the Cultural Commission for a one year term for FY2022/23.

Commissioner Samara, nominated Vice Chair Diaz for the position of Chair for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Vice Chair Diaz accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara, seconded by Commissioner Sundaram, to elect Vice Chair Diaz as Chair for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Sundaram, Vice Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Diaz, and Commissioner McNamara

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Vega

Vice Chair Diaz, nominated Commissioner Samara, for the position as Vice-Chair for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Commissioner Samara accepted the position.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Diaz, seconded by Chair von Huene, to elect Commissioner Samara as Vice-Chair for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Sundaram, Vice Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Diaz, and Commissioner McNamara

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Vega

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro mentioned there is no meeting in July. The next meeting will be in August. New sub-committees will be developed and new Goals and Objectives will be made.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Sundaram reported that he has been getting involved with the Web-free Encrypto NFT space, specifically relating to film and entertainment.

Chair von Huene mentioned she attended the Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall on Friday, June 3. She was inspired by the presentations and happy she attended. She invited everyone to come to the City Council Meeting on June 7 for the Cultural Commission presentation.

Commissioner Samara reported he was planning to attend.

Chair Von Huene thanked **Vice Chair Diaz** for all her work on the Utility Box Art Program.

Vice Chair Diaz thanked **Chair Von Huene** for her work as Chair.

Chair Sundaram thanked the commissioners for their help, support and making him feel welcome on the commission.

Commissioner Samara thanked **Chair von Huene** for her service.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner McNamamara, seconded by Vice Chair Diaz, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Sundaram, Vice Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Chair Diaz, and Commissioner McNamara

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Vega

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