



City of Santa Clara

The Center of What's Possible

CULTURAL COMMISSION

Staff Conference Room

1500 Warburton Ave.

Santa Clara, CA

Monday, March 5, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Loretta Beavers, Niha Mathur, Debra von Huene, Candida Diaz, Harbir Bhatia, Louis Samara

Staff: Christine Jung
Ruth Shikada

Guests: Molly Kim, Santa Clara Ballet
Prakash Darji, Santa Clara Ballet

Matters for Council Action: None

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
 - B. Roll Call: Four commissioners present for quorum
2. Public Presentation
None
3. Approval of February 5, 2018 meeting minutes.
 - i. 8. B. 1. Need to do better marketing for Friday Night Live events; need to promote to our own personal networks; need to promote on Triton newsletter; need to promote to our grantees.
 - Commissioner von Huene motions to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded and approved.

Chair Beavers enters the meeting

Commissioner Samara enters the meeting at 7:03pm

4. Correspondence & Announcements
None
5. Approval of Consent Calendar
 - A. Updates to note and file
 1. Sub-committees
 2. External Boards and Committees

Commissioner Diaz motions to approve the consent calendar. Motion seconded and passed.
6. New Business

- A. Santa Clara Ballet
 - i. Request for reimbursement of \$10,000 for December 2017 Nutcracker Performances
 - Commissioner Samara motions to approve the \$10,000 disbursement. Motion is seconded and approved.
 - B. Recorded meetings starting in April 2018
 - i. Meetings will be audio recorded starting next month.
7. Old Business
- A. Tasman utility box results update
 - i. Chair Beavers will be sending a letter to the artist. Expecting a response within 90 days.
8. Ongoing Business
- A. Insurance for events update
 - i. Matters for Council Action: Request City Council for allocation of \$2,729 to pay for insurance coverage of Friday Night Live, Concerts in the Park, and Street Dance events.
 - B. Current budget status
 - C. Meeting assignments
 - i. Santa Clara Players board, Monday, March 12, 7:30 p.m, Headen-Inman House
 - Commissioner Bhatia to attend
 - ii. Triton Museum board, Thursday, March 15, 4:30 p.m., Triton Conference room
 - Commissioner von Heune to attend
 - iii. Sister Cities Association board, Thursday March 15, 7:00 p.m, Headen-Inman House
 - Commissioner von Heune to attend
 - iv. City Council presentation, Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m, Council Chambers
 - Chair Beavers to attend
 - v. Friday Night Live: Charged Particles, Friday April 13, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m, Triton Museum
 - Commissioner Samara to attend
 - D. Celebrate! International Village update
 - i. Public statement regarding event:
 Commissioner Bhatia updated the events happened around Celebrate International Festival over February. On February 15th, Commissioner Bhatia was notified by City Manager Deanna Santana, COO Walter Rossmann, and Assistant City Manager that the Celebrate (International Festival) was cancelled due to the lack of staff to support the planning and execution, and in addition lack of SCPD support due to a recently added 2nd Taylor Swift concert at the Levis Stadium in the case Mission College police needed SCPD assistance. When Mayor Gillmor came to know more about the event on Friday, February 16th, she stated to Commissioner Bhatia that the event would not be cancelled and instead rescheduled, likely later part of the summer, and she would champion the event going forward to ensure this doesn't happen again.

City Assistant City Manager, Ruth Shikada attended to share with the Commission the reason for the cancellation. She also expressed that the City leadership had read and understood our concerns as written in the Commission's Public Statement to City Manager and Staff regarding the Commission's concerns about International Festival cancellation for the 3rd time. So the Commissioners could evaluate if the letter needed to be submitted or presented. In addition, she stated that Jim Mercurio, VP of Stadium Operations and GM of Levis Stadium for the San Francisco 49ers, will

call the International Festival subcommittee Chair, Commissioner Bhatia, to discuss Celebrate SV International festival.

The Commissioners decided since the City leadership understood the concerns, the letter didn't need to be submitted as Public Statement in the Council.

- ii. Dissolution of Celebrate! 2018 sub-committee
 - Will wait until hear back from City regarding possibly rescheduling the event
- iii. Formation of Celebrate! 2019 sub-committee
 - No action was taken.

Commissioner Mathur left the meeting at 8:06pm

- E. Friday Night Live! Update
 - i. Event was well attended, even though it was raining. Attendees were very engaged.
 - ii. Commissioner Samara is working on next schedule.
 - F. Street Dance 2018 update
 - i. Commissioner Samara will be giving update within the next couple of weeks
 - G. Summer Concert Series update
 - i. Commissioner Samara motions to approve "The Houserockers" to perform on Aug 17 for \$1,500, which includes sound system and engineer. Motion seconded and approved.
 - ii. Commissioner Diaz motion to reallocate \$502 from the Celebrate! event back to the Performing Arts budget. Motion, second and approved.
 - H. Sculpture Exhibition Artist Reception/Community Mixer update from staff
 - i. Commissioner von Heune motions to increase the allocation for the artist reception for up to \$600. Motion seconded and approved.
 - I. Trophy cases for March
 - i. Commission will relinquish both trophy cases for use to the City
9. New Business
- A. Activate! Santa Clara
 - i. Commissioner von Heune provided information in handout
10. Consent items pulled for discussion
11. Commissioner reports
- A. Chair Beavers attended a music cruise.
 - B. Commissioner von Heune was invited to be interviewed by Content Magazine.
12. Adjournment
- A. Commissioner Samara motions to adjourn the meeting.
 - B. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm