



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Cultural Commission

03/04/2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
Santa Clara Senior Center
Room 205
1303 Fremont Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Diaz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

- Present** 5 - Commissioner Louis Samara, Vice Chair Debra von Huene, Chair Candida Diaz, Commissioner Jonathan Marinero, and Commissioner Neetu Garg
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Paul McNamara

A motion was made by Commissioner Marinero, seconded by Vice Chair von Huene, to excuse Commissioner McNamara from the meeting. The motion fails with the following vote:

- Aye:** 3 - Vice Chair von Huene, Commissioner Marinero, and Commissioner Garg
- Nay:** 2 - Commissioner Samara, and Chair Diaz
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McNamara

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [24-184](#) Action on Cultural Commission Regular Minutes of February 5, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Samara, seconded by Commissioner Marinaro, that the consent calendar be approved. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner McNamara

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no Public Presentations.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-192](#) Review and Approve a Draft Presentation of Commission Accomplishments for the Joint Dinner with the City Council on March 19, 2024.

Chair Diaz shared the Draft Presentation of Commission Accomplishments for the Joint Dinner with the City Council on March 19, 2024. The Commissioners listened to the presentation and provided feedback.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner Samara, that the Draft Presentation of Commission Accomplishments for the Joint Dinner with the City Council on March 19, 2024 be approved. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner McNamara

3. [24-183](#) Action on Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2023/24

Recommendation: Discuss the Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2023/24.

Commissioners reported the following on the Cultural Commission Work Plan Goals and Activities for FY 2023/24:

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

Plan for Summer Concerts in FY 2023/24- Commissioner Samara

reported there are no changes with the five (5) Concerts:

June 14 @ Live Oak Park-Houserockers

June 28 @ Central Park-The Peelers

July 12 @ Central Park-The Megatonnes

July 26 @ Central Park-Orquesta Borinquen

Aug.16 @ Central Park-Pop Fiction

The Committee met to brainstorm with Mission College for using their venue in 2025. The City will cross-promote the concerts with Mission College.

Street Dance- Date: Aug. 2024 with Neon Velvet. City staff walked the proposed site (Franklin St. between Monroe and Madison) for feasibility. Staff will check with the Police Department if they foresee any issues with the proposed new site.

Plan and Host Friday Night Live Events- October will be for Hispanic Heritage month. Triton will provide space. Youth Band is targeted for April 2025 and The Korean Event with the Parks & Recreation Commission will be moved to the 2025 calendar.

Secure sponsors for Cultural Commission special events in FY 2023/2024-

Street Dance: EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure, CEFCU and Swim Club.

Concerts: EdgeCore Digital Infrastructure.

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

Advise and recommend public art to City Council-No updates were provided.

Identify available Utility Boxes in the City for Artist Utility Box

Program (alternate years with Sculpture Exhibition)-No updates were provided.

Host Sculpture Exhibition-Eight (8) entries were received by four (4) artists. The Commission discussed that the minimum amount of entries would be sixteen (16) and the contest would be extended three (3) weeks to March 24. The awards have been increased to \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$750. The Commission voted on this item.

Vice Chair von Huene will provide the updated information to be posted on the website and she will email additional people.

Host Halloween Home & Holiday Home Decorating Contest and Recognition-Contests have concluded. No updates provided.

Update and maintain City interactive web-based public art map-The map has been updated.

GOAL #3: Raise the visibility of commemorative months.

Update Coloring Book to honor Commemorative Months according to Federal Calendar- The artist provided the coloring pages (April-June).

Chair Diaz shared the three (3) pages. The Commission would like April to be Jazz and Poetry month. **Chair Diaz** will request the artist revise the April page and add a lamp image to the May page.

Promote monthly commemorative months through Social Media and Special Events to raise awareness and cultural competency-**Vice Chair von Huene** posted the March coloring page.

GOAL #4: Enhance communication and media strategy to increase community awareness of the Cultural Commission.

Commissioners to attend the Americans for the Arts Conference-On hold for FY23/24.

Present regularly to City Council-The Commission will present to Council on March 19 at the Joint Dinner. A Draft Presentation was presented at the meeting and minor changes were added and approved.

Develop, maintain, and grow partnerships and collaborations with external organizations-The subcommittee is fostering a relationship with Mission College and collaborating on possible concert sites in 2025. They

will see if someone with Mission College can be a judge for the Art Exhibition with the new dates discussed. The Commission discussed partnerships, parking, and amenities at the campus.

GOAL #5: Prepare for Citywide Arts Master Plan Process.

Develop, promote, and implement Citywide Arts Master Plan alongside the City Council--Commissioner Marinaro met with **Cynthia Bojorquez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Parks & Recreation Director**, about the Arts Master Plan Process. The Council Priority Sessions are in March and April. He encouraged everyone to attend. The Commission will review other Arts Master Plans and see what they like about their plans and what are priorities for the Commission.

GOAL #6: Identify and expand on Arts Education in the City of Santa Clara.

Identify potential partnerships with schools/local organizations to expand arts and art education--Vice Chair von Huene met with Jessica Friedman from Santa Clara Unified School District. She is interested in partnering with the Commission. **Chair Diaz** will be reaching out regarding the Utility Box Art Project to see if the Commission can work together on this project.

A motion was made by Vice Chair von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Samara, to extend the Sculpture Exhibition deadline by three (3) weeks, to increase the Award amounts, and agree to a minimum of 16 entries. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner McNamara

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro attended the Santa Clara Unified School District Arts in Education Breakfast with Commissioners Garg and McNamara. A variety of entities that prioritize art were represented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The following commissioners provided reports:

Vice Chair von Huene went to Houston Texas on a work trip and attended a rodeo. She also saw several murals and art in Houston and Austin. She is also a member of the Santa Clara Chorale and they sang the National Anthem at a Barracuda hockey game Sat. March 2.

Chair Diaz reported that Santa Clara Westside Little League is looking for someone to sing the National Anthem on Sat. March 9, at 9 a.m. at their opening ceremony.

Commissioner Garg reported that she also attended the Santa Clara Unified School District, Arts in Education Breakfast for the table discussion. She has been brainstorming how we can work with the School District through the Utility Box Project.

Commissioner Marinaro reported he went to a Ciaran Mac Gowan Irish concert. He was able to see his last concert before he returns to Ireland.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Marinaro, seconded by Vice Chair von Huene, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Samara, Vice Chair von Huene, Chair Diaz, Commissioner Marinaro, and Commissioner Garg

Absent: 1 - Commissioner McNamara

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