



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

03/02/2020

7:00 PM

Senior Center
1303 Fremont Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Samara at 7:03P.M.

Present 6 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Harbir Bhatia, Commissioner Niha Mathur, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, and Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro

Absent 1 - Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [20-200](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2020.

Approve the Cultural Commission minutes of January 6, 2020. The following changes were made to the minutes:

Commissioner Report:

- Commissioner von Huene- She attended Catalyze Silicon Valley meeting and did not attend the Triton Museum Meeting.
- Commissioner Sulcer and Samara attended the Triton Museum meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Marinaro, that this item be adopted with amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Bhatia, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Vice Chair Marinaro

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Sulcer

2. [20-237](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020.

**The Commissioner quorum for the February meeting was not met.
As such, no action was taken on the February meeting minutes.**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. [20-201](#) Discussion of Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2019/21

Recommendation: Discuss the Work Plan FY 2019/21 and note accomplishments to date.

The Commission discussed the following work plan goals and provided updates:

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

a. Friday Night Live

3/6/2020 - at Triton, Broceliande; 4/3/2020 - at Triton, Bossa Blue.

- b.** A Friendship City Event will be developed in partnership with the Korean Federation and hosted at the Community Recreation Center on May 8, 2020. The Commission will allocate \$1,800 to the event.

c. Summer Concert Series

Scheduled and booked - see work plan for detail.

d. Street Dance

Scheduled and booked - see work plan for detail.

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

- a.** Advise and recommend public art to City Council, ongoing.
- b.** Host City Utility Box Program, 3 of 5 Completed.
- c.** Host Halloween and Holiday Home Decorating Contests and recognition, Completed for FY 19/20 and will be developed for FY 20/21 with recommendations by City Council to host to nominations by District.
- d.** Support City Council to explore new funding sources for public art, ongoing.
- e.** Recommend funding grants and support for community cultural groups, March 2020.
- f.** Partner with citizen groups to place temporary, interactive art in public places and in community celebrations. Commissioner von Hueve reported 25 entries were received for the Sculpture Exhibit and a Committee has been formed to rate the entries. An ad will be posted in Content Magazine advertising the exhibit. The exhibit will be hosted in City Hall, Central Park Library, Mission Library and the Northside Library from April to September. An artists reception will be hosted by the Triton Muesum and the date is to be determined.
- g.** Attend Americans for the Arts Conference, June 25-28, 2020 Washington, D.C. Commissioner von Huene will attend as suggested the Commission attend The California for the Arts Conference in Sacramento on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

GOAL #3: Raise visibility of commemorative months

- a. Partner with community groups to host and promote commemorative month's honoree. Developed scope of work 1/2020. Suggested discussion with Economic Development & Marketing Committee.
via Cultural Commission representatives.

4. [20-203](#) City of Santa Clara Commission Conference and Travel Protocols

Recommendation: Note and file.

Staff provided an overview of City policies governing Commissioner travel. No action was taken on this item.

STAFF REPORT

Manager Castro reported at the Mission Center for the Performing Arts can host the following dates for Commission events: October 2, 2020; Noember 5, 2020; and March 5, 2021. Community listening events will be hosted by the City in the month of April to gain resident feedback on the intrastructure needs of the City. The Commission is encouraged to attend at least one of the meetings.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Marinaro visited Hawaii and attended the Opera in San Francisco.

Commissioner Bhatia visited her families original home in India and attended a film festial that promoted healing from community violence.

Commissioner von Huene attended a reception at the Triton Muesum to promote a new exhibit.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Marinaro motioned and Commissioner von Huene seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Aye: 6 - Chair Samara, Commissioner Bhatia, Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Vice Chair Marinaro

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Sulcer

The Commission is adjourned to April 6, 2020.