



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

12/07/2020

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:

<https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/98272283531>

Webinar ID: 982 7228 3531

Or join by phone: 1 669 900 6833

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 7:06 P.M.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 2 - Commissioner Harbir Bhatia, and Commissioner Niha Mathur

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [20-1178](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2020

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2020.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bhatia, and Commissioner Mathur

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Atisha Varshney spoke in favor of the Franklin Forward Art Project.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Commissioners reviewed the Work Plan and goals and activities presented by subcommittees. Date changes and subcommittee changes were made to the Work Plan.

Commissioner Bhatia joined meeting at 7:09 P.M.

2. [20-1175](#) Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Recommendation: Adopt Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Bhatia, that the Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities be approved with modifications of dates and subcommittee changes. Changes are made in the report and will be presented at the Jan. 4 meeting.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, to add an item to the Jan. 4, 2021 Cultural Commission Agenda to introduce Juan Murieta, a City of San Jose Cultural Commissioner and member of the California Arts Council, to provide a presentation on approaches to projects and development of a draft Art Master Plan.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

Atisha Varshney spoke in favor a citywide Art Master Plan .

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro provided an update on Recreation events, including Elf in the park and the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. She will provide date for judging. She mentioned there is a City Council installation on December 8, and that everyone should have received an invitation to attend. In addition, she is looking forward to the upcoming videos the commission is providing for the holidays, as they need to be approved before posting.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Samara mentioned the Halloween videos and contest. He presented at the City Council meeting. Council delivered certificates. He said it was very well received and thanked everyone. Participation increased from last year.

Commissioner Bhatia reported she is working with Rotary, Christmas for Kids. Requested that anyone who wants to share art or gifts, or clothes for the Honduras relief should contact her.

Commissioner von Huene acknowledged how well received the Diwali video was and that it had more than 1000 views and great comments. Mentioned the Hanukkah video. She is volunteering on Catalyze SV. community engagement team. Facilitated online meetings focusing on the arts.

Commissioner Marinaro mentioned he is working on the Hanukkah video and it will be posted on the Cultural Commission page.

Commissioner Sulcer mentioned she is working on the Kwanzaa video.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Vice Chair Marinara, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur