



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

01/04/2021

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.

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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 7:05 P.M.

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Niha Mathur

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-1313](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2020.

The following changes were made to the minutes:
Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities.
Presentation to be made by Ron P. Muriera. Name change corrected.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-1314](#) Review and Discuss the Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Recommendation: Discuss and provide updates to the Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21

Commissioners reviewed the Work Plan FY 2020/21 and specific goals and activities.

3. [21-1414](#) Presentation to Commission Regarding San Jose Public Art Master Plan

Recommendation: There is no recommendation. This item is informational.

Ron P. Muriera, RPM Consulting, presented an Overview of the City of San Jose Public Art Master Plan.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro gave an update on Parks and Recreation programs and activities. She mentioned the City is continuing the daily Senior Nutrition Meal Program at the Senior Center for a \$3.00 suggested donation. She encouraged the Commission to refer seniors to the program. January 6, will be the 200th day of the service in the Commodity Point of Distribution under COVID19 health and safety protocols. She mentioned the City continues to collaborate with the Salvation Army and the Second Harvest Food Bank with the essential Food For Families program on Wednesdays. Recreation classes and programs have been moved to a virtual platform. Registration is open and classes begin week of January 11.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chair Samara reported it was great to judge the Holiday Home Decorating Contest and see so many submissions. He was happy with the social media blasts and contest results.

Commissioner Sulcer reported that Dr. Piper appreciated and was pleased with the Kwanzaa video. She went camping and shared a story about a commemorative art piece in Mountain Rush. Mentioned a permanent art piece in a Community Center. Would like to implement something similar in Santa Clara.

Commissioner Bhatia, mentioned personal memories associated with Covid 19 and elaborated on the possible art project that **Commissioner Sulcer** mentioned. She has worked with the organization, Kids in Art. Shared how kids use art to share their personal experiences and sell them to raise funds for the program. Mentioned farmers protests, and how they can use art to explain experiences and world challenges.

Commissioner von Huene mentioned the pocket exhibition can be implemented quickly and can include Youth Commission. She registered for a national endowment for the arts grant writing seminar and will bring a report back to the commission in February.

Commissioner Marinaro attended Christmas in the Park and participated in the Covid Ambassador Program.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Marinaro, seconded by Commissioner von Huene, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

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