



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

03/01/2021

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 7:01 P.M.

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Harbir Bhatia

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-58](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Mathur, that this item be adopted. The motion passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bhatia

Abstained: 1 - Vice Chair Marinaro

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-265](#) Cultural Commission Work Plan FY2020/21 Goals and Activities

Recommendation: Provide status reports on the FY 2020/21 Cultural Commission work plan goals and activities.

The commission discussed the work plan goals and reported on the progress made in each area.

Goal #2-Commissioner von Huene gave a presentation on the 2021 Surviving Covid Pocket Exhibition, and shared her progress. She mentioned she is working on the Sculpture Exhibition video. Artist agreement has been approved and staff will send out to the artists. She also gave a budget update.

Commissioner Mathur gave an update to the Park Map.

Commissioner Diaz gave a presentation on the Utility Box project, and shared her progress. Theme is Solidarity, Resilience, and Hope. There will be 6 boxes for 2021. She researched referral insurance companies. Staff will research 2 alternative utility boxes.

Goal # 3-Commissioner Sulcer provided an update about the Lunar New Year video that went out. She will work on increasing social media presence.

Vice Chair Marinaro mentioned the Woman's History month. He mentioned the coloring book project.

A motion was made by Commissioner von Huene, seconded by Commissioner Mathur to approve the proposal for the 2021 Surviving Covid "Pocket Exhibition".

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bhatia

3. [21-268](#) Consider a recommendation to Council for the City to apply for a National Endowment of the Arts grant to fund the potential Development of a Citywide Arts Master Plan

Recommendation: Staff has no recommendation.

A motion was made by Chair Samara, seconded by Vice Chair Marinaro to consider a recommendation to Council for the City to apply for a National Endowment of the Arts grant to fund the potential Development of a Citywide Arts Master Plan.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bhatia

4. [21-324](#) Reinstatement of the International Exchange Commission (IEC)

Recommendation: Note and file this report on the reinstatement of the International Exchange Commission.

Staff provided an overview of the Reinstatement of the International Exchange Commission and addressed Commission questions. No action occurred as the discussion was for informational purposes only.

STAFF REPORT

None.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner von Huene will be attending the Economic Development Communications and Marketing Committee meeting on March 3. She reported there will be a South Bay Regional Conversation on March 26, hosted by SJ Arts Advocates, co hosted by Silicon Valley Creates. Registration is on Facebook if anyone is interested, she will share.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Marinaro, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bhatia

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