



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes Cultural Commission

02/01/2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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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 7:03 P.M.

Present 5 - Chair Louis Samara, Commissioner Niha Mathur, Commissioner Debra von Huene, Commissioner Candida Diaz, and Commissioner Teresa Sulcer

Absent 2 - Commissioner Harbir Bhatia, and Vice Chair Jonathan Marinaro

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-106](#) Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Cultural Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021.

The following changes were made to the minutes:

Commissioner report.

Commissioner Sulcer shared a story about a commemorative art piece in Mountain Ranch, not Mountain Rush.

Mountain Ranch was corrected.

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Samara, Commissioner von Huene, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Sulcer

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bhatia, and Vice Chair Marinaro

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Mathur

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-59](#) 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 each of the work plan goals and reported on the progress made of their work in each area.

Goal #2-Commissioner von Huene provided several updates to the activities under this goal such as the Art Plan, Virtual Sculpture Exhibit and the Covid Survivors project.

Commissioner Mathur shared progress of the interactive web-based public art map.

The Utility Art Box project was discussed.

Goal # 3-Commissioner Sulcer gave an update on the Commemorative months project.

See work plan for additional details.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro provided an update on Parks & Recreation programs, parks projects and upcoming virtual park dedications. She mentioned that Santa Clara County is in the purple tier and in person recreation classes are starting in late February. She discussed the Food for Families program through the Salvation Army and the Senior Nutrition Program. She mentioned a Senior Health and Wellness Virtual Fair scheduled for May.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Sulcer reported that she is working with an independent movie director that is planning to use the Swim and Recreation Club that she is a member of, to shoot an upcoming movie in March/April. She stated she enjoys being able to support this project during these times, and would like to share some information regarding the project with the public.

Commissioner von Huene attended a Behavioral Health Resources during Covid-19 Supplemental training, through CAP (COVID Ambassador Program). The training included behavioral health resources, an extensive list of phone numbers/help lines and various ways the City is supporting people who are affected during these times. The slides from the training are available to the public. Ambassadors receive information and are asked to share accurate information with friends, family and the community.

Chair Samara also attended the CAP (Covid Ambassador Program) training. He mentioned the pandemic has increased the need for mental health resources to be available to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Mathur, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Bhatia, and Vice Chair Marinaro

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