

**CITY OF LIVERMORE
COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS**

**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 22, 2017**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m. by Chairperson Lane.

Members Present: Commissioners Chelle Clements, Robert Gausman, Angela Johal, Monya Lane and Cher Wollard

Absent: Kara Johnsen and Sabrina Ohnemus

Staff Present: Assistant Community Development Director Eric Uranga and Staff Liaison Rebecca Cox

2. Citizens Forum

Benjamin Rada introduced himself and noted that he is attending to observe the commission process.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of July 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes (motion required).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WOLLARD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LANE TO APPROVE THE JULY 25, 2017 COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS MEETING MINUTES AS CORRECTED.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS CLEMENTS, GAUSMAN, LANE, WOLLARD

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER JOHAL

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS JOHNSEN AND OHNEMUS

4. Matters for Consideration

4.1 Update and Approval of Art in School Funding FY 17/18

Commissioner Clements reported that Mighty 4 Arts Foundation is willing to provide programming in the schools to replace California Theatre Center, which is no longer operating. She is working to confirm a date for Mighty 4 to present a hip hop dance workshop at Joe Michell Elementary School for grades K-3. Cheza Nami has agreed to extend their agreement for an additional year and will provide a cultural arts and learning program at Rancho Las Positas Elementary School for grades 4 and 5.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LANE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GAUSMAN, TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT AND EXPENSE OF \$1,500 FOR MIGHTY 4 ARTS FOUNDATION TO PRESENT A HIP HOP DANCE WORKSHOP FOR GRADES K-3 AT JOE MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DURING THE 17/18 SCHOOL YEAR.

AYES: COMMISSIONERS CLEMENTS, GAUSMAN, JOHAL, LANE, WOLLARD
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSEN, OHNEMUS

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CLEMENTS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GAUSMAN, TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT AND EXPENSE OF \$1,500 FOR CHEZA NAMI TO PROVIDE A CULTURAL ARTS AND LEARNING PROGRAM AT RANCHO LAS POSITAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR GRADES 4-5 DURING THE 17/18 SCHOOL YEAR.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS CLEMENTS, GAUSMAN, JOHAL, LANE, WOLLARD
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: JOHNSEN, OHNEMUS

4.2 Appointment of Mini Grant Ad Hoc Committee Project and Program Grant

Chairperson Lane reported that information about the Mini Grant Program is still not being widely distributed throughout the community. She requested a volunteer to work with her on publicity for the grants programs. Commissioner Wollard volunteered for that task.

Chairperson Lane appointed Commissioners Clements (Chair), Johnson and Wollard to an ad hoc committee to review any Mini Grant applications received at the City by the September 1st deadline.

4.3 Appointment of Project and Program Grant Ad Hoc Committee

Chairperson Lane appointed herself, Commissioners Clements and Wollard(Chair) to an ad hoc committee to review any Project and Program Grant applications received at the City by the September 1st deadline.

Chairperson Lane reordered the agenda to hear item 5.3 next.

5.3 Cultural Arts Plan Update

Chairperson Lane reported that the committee met with staff to review the RFP for a consultant to oversee the Cultural Arts Plan update. Assistant Community Development Director, Eric Uranga, noted that due to staff time constraints this project will need to wait until after the Downtown Plan Steering Committee and Community meetings have concluded. Chairperson Lane noted that in the meantime, Commissioner Ohnemus will update the RFP draft to incorporate the committee's and staff's input from the last committee meeting, and she will work with Mr. Uranga to develop a distribution list for the RFP when it's ready to be issued.

Chairperson Lane returned to the normal agenda order.

4.4 Discussion of Donated Indoor Art

Chairperson Lane reported that she had an additional communication regarding the inquiry to donate a piece of art in memory of a community member. She noted the possibility to locate donated art within the public area of a City facility and asked if the ad hoc committee considered art donated in memory of a deceased person when they created the donation policy. Commissioner Wollard replied that this had not been considered at that time. Chairperson Lane noted that the Policy and Procedures Manual Update committee will consider this when they next meet, and will include drafting a list of approved locations. Commissioner Johal suggested the committee consider identifying several art pieces that would be appropriate for individuals or groups to purchase in memory of someone, thus providing a list of artwork, at various cost levels and of a consistent standard, for individuals or groups to consider.

4.5 Update on Display Board for LCAC Arts Month at the Library

Committee Chair Gausman reported that he added a second display board with photos of the Art in the Schools presentation. Both boards will move to the City Hall art alcove after the LCAC Display finishes at the end of the month.

4.6 Discussion of Arts Budget Preparation Schedule

Chairperson Lane reported that the City's budget process requires Staff Liaison Cox to submit budget projects in February of each year. This will require the Commissioners to begin priority project discussions in September in order to provide budget numbers to be included in the City's budget process. Community Stakeholders will be contacted at

the end of September and asked to provide their recommendations in time to be discussed by the Commissioners at their October meeting.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

5.1 Art and Cultural Programming

No report.

5.2 Cultural Arts Districts Awareness

Chairperson Lane requested that Commissioner Gausman move forward with Walking Tour information on *Sunday with Jessie* and the *Firehouse Mural*; the information on the four sculptures can be included when it is closer to their installation date.

The following agenda items had no updates to report:

- 5.4 Downtown Mural RFP
- 5.5 Policy and Procedures Manual
- 5.6 Public Art Fee Update
- 5.7 Public Art in City Parking Structure
and
- 5.8 Utility Box Murals

5.9 Update on Approved and Uninstalled Art

Staff Liaison Cox reported that the bronze boy in the *Sunday with Jessie* sculpture has been repaired and reinstalled. Ms. Cox also noted that the four sculptures to be acquired and installed on First Street are still awaiting contracts because she has not had time to work on arts related projects. The RFP for a tile mural on First Street is also on hold due to lack of her time to work on that project. The commissioners expressed their displeasure with these continued delays in processing public art projects.

6. Matters Initiated by Commissioners and Staff

6.1 Pending Dates/Activities for Next Month

Chairperson Lane will appoint an ad hoc committee at the September meeting to begin work on the next sculpture acquisition and installation.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm to a regular September 26, 2017 Commission for the Arts meeting to begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Library Board Room, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.