

**CITY OF LIVERMORE
COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS**

**MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2017**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Lane.

Members Present: Commissioners Chelle Clements, Robert Gausman, Angela Johal, Kara Johnsen, Monya Lane, Sabrina Ohnemus and Cher Wollard (joined the meeting in progress)

Absent: None

Staff Present: Staff Liaison Rebecca Cox

2. Citizens Forum

None

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of March 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes (motion required)

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CLEMENTS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER OHNEMUS TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28, 2017 COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS MEETING MINUTES.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS CLEMENTS, GAUSMAN, JOHAL, JOHNSEN, LANE, OHNEMUS

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: WOLLARD

4. Matters for Consideration

4.1 Approval of Public Art, Stanley Blvd Mural – Beautification Presentation

Jeff Shafer, Staff Liaison for the Beautification Committee, introduced Kathy Norfleet and Susan Lewis, members of the Beautification Committee who described the mural design

proposed for the Stanley Bridge Community Mural project. It will be painted at ground level on the south facing walls of the bridge near the corner of Stanley Blvd. and Murrieta Blvd. Volunteers coordinated by members of the Beautification Committee will install the mural upon City property. Volunteers will also repair any future damage. Funding from the project and maintenance of the mural will come from Public Works, who will also clean up the area and prepare the wall for painting of the mural.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CLEMENTS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GAUSMAN TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC ART DESIGN AS PRESENTED FOR A MURAL ON THE STANLEY BLVD BRIDGE – BEAUTIFICATION.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

4.2 Approval of Seven \$100 Awards for Livermore Art Association's Spring Art Show Category winners – (motion required)

Commissioner Johal requested approval of a total of \$700 provide \$100 awards to the winners of seven (7) categories of art at the Livermore Art Association's Spring Art Show. She invited Commissioners to attend the awards reception at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, when the Mayor will present the awards to the winners. The winning art work will be on display at City Hall for a month following the art show.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHAL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CLEMENTS TO APPROVE SEVEN \$100 AWARDS, TOTALING \$700, FOR CATEGORY WINNERS AT THE LIVERMORE ART ASSOCIATION'S SPRING ART SHOW.

VOTE ON THE MOTION:

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

4.3 Council Presentation Report

Chairperson Lane thanked the Commissioners for their input regarding the Commission's accomplishments over the past year and briefly reported on her presentation at the Council Meeting last night. She noted that the landscape architect for the plaza design for Livermorium Plaza made a presentation to Council. There is space reserved in the

plaza for installation of public art in the future. One of Council's input is the need for more shade in the plaza. Commissioner Johal noted that some artists create artistic shade areas and she would like to see this incorporated into the plaza design. Chairperson Lane will follow up with Assistant Community Development Director Uranga regarding this idea.

4.4 Discussion and Direction for Downtown Steering Committee Meeting

Chairperson Lane noted that the first Downtown Steering Committee meeting was introductory because the firm facilitating the committee had not yet been selected. Council approved a firm at last night's council meeting. Chairperson Lane will send the Steering Committee Agendas as she receives them, and she requested that Commissioners provide their comments or suggestions.

Commissioner Wollard joined the meeting in progress.

4.5 Cultural Arts Plan Update Discussion

Commissioner Ohnemus reported that the committee met and created a draft Request for Proposals for a cultural arts plan consultant. Chairperson Lane noted that she forwarded the draft to City staff yesterday and is awaiting their comments.

4.6 Americans for the Arts Conference Schedule

Chairperson Lane noted that she is attending, along with Commissioners Gausman, Johnsen and Clements. Staff Liaison Cox will also attend.

4.7 Discussion and Direction for Utility Box Mural Project

Commissioner Clements gave a brief review of her involvement with the Utility Box program and noted that she has received inquiries if the City will provide more utility box murals. The Commissioners discussed having another round of murals and the possibility of using vinyl wraps instead of paint. Chairperson Lane appointed Commissioners Clements (Chair), Johal and Johnsen to a Utility Box Mural ad hoc committee to work with staff on this program.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

5.1 Downtown Mural RFP

Staff Liaison Cox advised that the property owner has expressed an interest in talking with the City about a mural on their property. The next step is to draft an agreement for signature by the property owner.

5.2 Sculptures in the Downtown RFP

Staff Liaison Cox reported City staff met with San Francisco Art Conservation regarding repairs to *Sunday with Jessie* and the four new sculptures. They recommend placing the sculpture upon a pedestal to encourage the public to treat it as a work of art rather than as an interactive piece. Assistant Community Development Director Uranga will talk with City staff about this.

5.3 Poet Laureate Selection

Commissioner Wollard noted that the deadline for applications is May 12th and she has spoken with one individual who will submit an application.

5.4 High School Senior Art Awards

Committee Chair Wollard noted that April 28th is the deadline for High School Senior Art Awards applications.

5.5 Developer Public Art – Signature Homes

No report.

5.6 Developer Public Art – Gillig - Update

Commissioner Clements noted that she received copies of the photos from Jeff Kaskey, President of the Livermore Heritage Guild and she will review them with the committee.

5.7 Cultural Arts Plan Update – Update

No report.

Chairperson Lane will contact Eric to discuss the time line for this project.

5.8 Cultural Arts District Awareness - Update

Commissioner Gausman reported on a product from Odocast that he investigated to promote art through a free app for cell phones. His recommendation is that the City already utilizes most of the aspects that this product offers. Chairperson Lane appointed Commissioner Johnsen to this committee and requested that the committee develop a project plan.

5.9 Art in the Schools 17/18 - Update

Commissioner Clements advised that she is still waiting to hear back from CTC if they will offer the traveling theater program this year.

5.10 Art and Cultural Programming – Update

No report.

5.11 Public Art in City Parking Structure

No report.

6. Matters Initiated by Commissioners and Staff

6.1 Pending Dates/Activities for Next Month

Chairperson Lane offered the commissioners the opportunity to represent the Commission at the LCAC Meeting each month. She asked commissioners to let her know when they are available to attend.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. to a regular May 23, 2017 Commission for the Arts meeting to begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Library Board Room, 1188 South Livermore Avenue.