



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday April 12, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Maya Makker (chair), Zinzi Raymond, Carol Smith, Patricia Quinn, Ruth Santer, Sarah Zimmerman (alternate)

Commissioner(s) Absent: Diane Carlson-Biggs, Chad Fisk

Council Liaison(s) Present: Gloria Partida

Staff Present: Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager / Jessie Nakahara, Arts & Culture Associate

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Makker at 4:07 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: Commissioner Santer moved and Commissioner Quinn seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

4. Public Comment.

None

5. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and non-controversial, require no discussion, as items are expected to have unanimous support, and may be enacted by one motion.

A. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2021

Action: Commissioner Quinn approved, and Commissioner Santer seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Public Art Collection

N Street Park:

Manor neighborhood representatives Jennifer Nachmanoff and Emily Griswold presented a formal proposal for multiple arts components, including two tiers of funding to support an artist-designed and fabricated stage superstructure and entrance gateway.

Action: Commissioner Raymond made a motion to award the 1st and 2nd priority projects presented with the full requested funding of up to \$45,000, payable from the Municipal Arts Fund, for a stage super structure, and up to \$20,000 for an entrance gateway, for a total of up to \$65,000. Commissioner Santer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Covell Park Bike Path Reconstruction

Commissioners discussed details of the current allocated budget of \$18,430 and considered increasing the budget to attract a higher caliber of artist and a more significant project.

Action: Commissioner Smith moved to allocate additional funding to \$30,000. Commissioner Santer made a friendly amendment to increase the allocation up to \$35,000, contributing an additional \$16,570, payable from the Municipal Arts Fund. Commissioner Raymond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

For consideration in siting and relocation:

- Balance Beam
- Frog Totem—Staff received negative feedback from the Friends of Northstar Pond, and will seek an alternate location.

B. Public Programs

Due to COVID-19 health concerns, most in-person events have been cancelled since March, and many city public events and facility use has been cancelled through the end of December. Many local artists and organizations have pivoted to providing content and performances on digital platforms, and our staff have tried to share many of these resources via social media:

- Healthy Davis Together
- Poet Laureate. Nominations are now open, and the deadline is May 21, 2021. Staff requests nomination of 2 civic arts commissioners to be a part of the selection team. Commissioners Santer and Makker volunteered to serve in this capacity.
- Team Davis Song will be shared with City Council at an upcoming meeting.

C. Public Art Donations

Commissioners received updates on the following:

Davis Centennial Seal at Hunt-Boyer Mansion

Work began today on the demolition of the plaza. The new plaza remodel will take place over the coming month, and the artwork is expected to be installed in mid-May.

A Sub-Committee on Learning Objectives for the Seal has been established: Maya Makker, Ruth Santer, Carol Smith. This group will come up with a set of objectives that will be shared with the Mellon Public Scholar to support curriculum and interpretive development.

D. Short term Project Update

Staff gave an update of the collaboration with **Healthy Davis Together** using artwork from local artists to create banners promoting public health messaging.

E. Commission Goals

Staff requested that commissioners review the draft workplan and return any edits or feedback PRIOR to the May meeting, when commissioners will vote to adopt the current draft for the coming year.

F. Grant Program Update

Art & Cultural Affairs Fund (ACAF):

- [International House](#)
- [Street Art for Community Health and Resiliency](#)
- [Earth Day Sing Out](#)
- [Davis Independent Music Initiative \(DIMI\)](#)
- [Pause. Between Lawn and Cuffs](#)
- [Healing Art Project](#)
- [Grandpa, is Everything Black Bad?](#)
- [The Purple Tree Hootenanny](#)
- [Theatre on the Block](#)
- [Make Music Day](#)
- [HeARTs of Davis](#)

G. Collection Care & Maintenance

- [Gandhi Peace Statue](#)
- [Street Mandala at 4th and K Streets](#)
- [Source/Resource](#)
- [Clepsydra \(E Street Clock Fountain\)](#)
- [Watchman #8](#)
- [I am Quercus](#)

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- 8. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm, to the next online Zoom meeting on April 12th at 4 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hartsough
Arts & Culture Manager
City of Davis