



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday May 10, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Maya Makker (chair), Zinzi Raymond (arrived 4:15), 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 4:09 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Staff announced upcoming trainings for new and returning city commissioners: June 3rd-Brown Act, June 30th-Conflict of Interest. More details will be forthcoming.
- Commissioner Quinn shared information on a project opening soon at the Verge in Sacramento called 25 Million Stitches: <https://www.25millionstitches.com/>
- Commissioner Zimmerman shared updates about Art.In.Action through Yolo Arts, and another program called 20:20 Vision through UC Riverside.

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 April 12th, 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

For consideration in siting and relocation:

- Balance Beam—will be installed in front of the Veterans Memorial Theatre
- Frog Totem—Staff received negative feedback from the Friends of West Pond and will seek an alternate location. Commissioners suggested: South Davis, including the connecting green stretch between Putah Creek and Willow Creek Park, San Marino Park and open space, or city Open Space adjacent to the creek bed along the greenbelt, between Walnut Park and DaVinci Court. Commissioner Smith volunteered to look for additional options.

Public Art Maps:

- Staff reminded Commissioners of the printed maps and solicited ideas for distributing these now that restrictions have been listed in many locations: banks, restaurants, hotels, galleries, library, etc.

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](#). Art banners are currently at the printer and should be hanging around the city in the next 2 weeks.
- [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.*

C. Public Art Donations

Commissioners received updates on the following:

Davis Centennial Seal at Hunt-Boyer Mansion

Work progresses at the Hunt Boyer Plaza, and the artwork is expected to be installed later in May.

D. Short term Project Update

Staff have been invited to present a wish list of ideas to potentially receive funds from the American Rescue Program support, and asked Commissioners for ideas they would like to see added to this list: restoration of the Recology Artist-In-Residence program funding, beautification to the closed streets through use of art and creative placemaking, multimedia storytelling projects capturing people's experiences during COVID, ongoing development of the mural program and neighborhood based support for more murals, development of interpretive/education programming for the public art collection, purchase of additional pieces of public artwork, creative strategies to promote vaccinations.

E. Commission Goals

Commissioners voted to adopt the draft Civic Arts Commission Workplan.

Action: Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the Commission Workplan as presented for the upcoming year. Commissioner Raymond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioners selected a new chair and Vice-Chair.

Action: Commissioner Quinn nominated Commissioner Santer as the next chair, with Commissioner Smith serving as the Vice-Chair. Commissioner Raymond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm, to the next online Zoom meeting on June 14th at 4 pm. Beginning in Jul, meetings will begin at 6 pm, and continue on Zoom for the immediate future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hartsough
Arts & Culture Manager

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