



**Civic Arts Commission  
Minutes  
Monday, October 10, 2011**

**Commissioners Present:** Casey Hutchins (Chair), Marieke DeWaard, Nina Gatewood, Nikhil Joshi, Carrie Whitecotton

**Commissioners Absent:** Mary Anne Ingenthron

**Staff:** Carrie Dyer, Community Services Supervisor

**Council Liaison:** Dan Wolk

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**1. Approval of agenda.**

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved and Commissioner Gatewood seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of Minutes from July 11, 2011.**

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved and Commissioner Whitecotton seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public communications.**

A. Emily Griswold shared a Letter to the Editor regarding spontaneous art in the bike tunnel near the Arboretum. She encouraged the Commission to put it on the agenda in November for formal discussion.

**4. Written Communications.**

- A. Regular art-related publications will be circulated.
- B. Other, as needed.

**5. Steve Larsen Plaza.** The Commission reviewed a re-designed concept for the Steve Larsen Plaza project and made a recommendation for City Council.

**Public Comment.**

- A. Lydia Delis Schollosser provided the Commission with background on the project, presented a memo with additional information and asked the Commission to approve additional funding.
- B. Courtney Jimenez, Davis Senior High ASB President, Jacob Vanderbuilt, ASB Treasurer and Varsity Basketball Player and Kevin Sorenson, Multisport Athlete requested the Commission to support the final funding of the project for the following reasons:
  - a. It is symbolic of community involvement.
  - b. Steve Larsen affected so many people and the spirit of Davis Senior High School.
  - c. It resonates with the senior class for the Senior Sunrise/Sunset that happens every year.

- C. Arlen Feldmen, Father in Law of Steve Larsen, indicated to the Commission that Steve's wife, Carrie Larsen is in full support of the project.
- D. Bob Bowen, City of Davis Promotions Manager, stated that this project will continue to brand the City of Davis as a Bicycle community and be seen outside of Davis.

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved and Commissioner Whitecotton seconded approval of the additional funding up to \$3900 to cover the inspection and architecture approval costs. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6. **Development and Approval of 2012 Work Plan.** The Commission reviewed proposed 2012 Goals and Objectives for the Commission Work Plan.

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved and Commissioner DeWaard seconded approval of the work plan with the addition of creating policy for art proposals. The final version will be brought back in November for final approval. Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. **Truffini Fountain.** The Commission received a staff recommendation to repair and revise the use of the Truffini Fountain, located at the Davis Senior Center, into a planter. The Commission indicated a lot of concern over the cost of repair, the internal construction and re-purposing the art.

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved to accept the staff recommendation. Motion died due to lack of a second.

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved to repair the fountain and continue using it as intended. Motion died due to lack of second.

**Action:** Commissioner DeWaard moved and Commissioner Joshi seconded the motion to get a second opinion and bring it back for discussion in November. Commissioner Gatewood proposed a friendly amendment to include decommissioning costs and policies into the discussion. Commissioner DeWaard accepted friendly amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8. **Third Street Improvement Project.** The Commission reviewed a two phase concept for an artist RFQ and recommended project concept payment.

**Action:** Chair Hutchins moved and Commissioner Joshi seconded the two phase rfq concept for the project. Motion passed unanimously.

- 9. **Poet Laureate.** The Commission reviewed recommendations for selecting the next City of Davis Poet Laureate honorary position and discussed potential selection committee members.

**Action:** Commissioner Joshi moved and Chair Hutchins seconded approval of staff recommendations one, two and three. Motion passed unanimously.

- 10. **Selection of Vice Chair.** The Commission nominated a new Vice Chair for the Civic Art Commission.

**Action:** Chair Hutchins nominated and Commissioner Whitecotton seconded electing Nikhil Joshi as Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. Staff, City Council, Commission communications.**

**A.** Staff C. Dyer provided an update to the Commission on the Solar Filling Station.

**B.** Staff C. Dyer provided an update to the Commission on the City Arts GATEway project.

**C.** Staff C. Dyer informed the Commission of the Civic Art Commission and City Council joint meeting on December 6, at 5:30 p.m.

**12. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned to the next regular meeting of November 14, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carrie Dyer  
Community Services Supervisor