



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2013**

Commissioners Present: Nikhil Joshi (Chair), Marieke DeWaard (Vice Chair),
Casey Hutchins, Carrie Whitecotton
Commissioners Absent: Nina Gatewood, Jane Higgins, Mary Anne Ingenthron
Staff: Carrie Dyer, Community Services Supervisor

1. Approval of agenda.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Vice Chair DeWaard seconded approval of the agenda as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2013.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Chair Joshi seconded the minutes of June 10, 2013 as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public communications. Emily Griswold updated the Commission on the status of the GATEway project. The footings have been poured and the artist is set to begin work on October 1. There will be a special event on October 17 to meet the artist and learn more about the Arboretum California Native Plant GATEway Garden and restoration project.

4. Written Communications. None.

5. Community Built Association Public Art Proposal. The Commission received a proposal from Tom Arie-Donch regarding specific projects to be completed during the Community Built Association Conference in 2014. The projects include a community mural in the bike tunnel that connects the Putah Creek Parkway to the UC Davis Arboretum and four mosaic art benches to be placed along the Putah Creek Parkway. These community built art pieces will enhance the efforts of the Parkway Greening project.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Chair Joshi seconded approval of both projects becoming a part of the City of Davis Public Art inventory with the understanding that further involvement from the Commission will be sought once the design process has begun. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Street Mandala Proposal. The Commission received a proposal regarding a street mandala project in conjunction with the Community Built Association Conference with a request for funding of \$3,300 and inception of the art into the City of Davis Public Art inventory.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved to approve the funding with the understanding there are no conflicts with the Public Works Department. Commissioner Whitecotton seconded.

Chair Joshi proposed a friendly amendment to approve with the understanding that there are no conflicts with any City department. Commissioner Hutchins accepted amendment. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Action: Chair Joshi moved and Commissioner Hutchins seconded adopting the street mandala into the City of Davis Public Art Inventory with the idea that the Municipal Art Fund would pay for maintenance supply costs and the work would be done by the neighborhood. **Motion passed unanimously.**

7. **Red Cows Painting.** The Commission heard a proposal to consider adopting a painting titled 'Red Cows' by artist Maurine (Fay) Nelson into the City owned public art inventory. The painting was donated to the Davis Senior Center by the artist, who also has paintings that belong to the University of California, Davis art collection.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Vice Chair DeWaard seconded adopting the painting into the inventory and using municipal art fund dollars to properly mount and frame. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

A. Staff C. Dyer requested a commission volunteer to be a judge in the Best of Davis City Wide Photo Contest. Chair Joshi volunteered to be a judge.

B. Staff C. Dyer requested a commission volunteer to be on the selection committee for the Harmony in Our Lives Award. Commissioner Hutchins volunteered to be on the committee.

C. Staff C. Dyer provided an update to the Commission on the Arts Alliance staff report going to City Council on September 24.

9. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting of October 14, 2013.