



**City of Davis
Civic Arts Commission
Amended Agenda
Senior Center Activity Room
646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616
Monday, January 11, 2016
7:15 p.m.**

Commission Members Present: Casey Hutchins (Chair), Jane Higgins, Nikhil Joshi, Samantha McCarthy, Piper Milton, Carol Smith, Sarah Zimmerman

Commission Members Absent: none

Staff: Carrie Dyer, Community Engagement & Cultural Services
Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:20.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

4. Public Comment. No public comments were made.

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 December 14, 2015

Action: Commissioner Hutchins moved and Commissioner Joshi seconded approval of the minutes from December 14, 2015 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Regular Items

A. Proposed Gandhi Sculpture

The Commission received an update regarding the status of the proposed donation of a Gandhi sculpture. The project was approved by Parks staff, and will next go to the Recreation and Parks Commission for review.

B. City of Davis Community Art Grants

The Commission reviewed application scores and comments, and made allocation recommendations for Council approval. Staff initially presented two optional models for methods to evaluate applicant scores, reiterated that the Commission was open to

any method of review that they chose, and that initial scores could be modified based on conversation on the Commission.

Public Comment was presented by the following in support of the grants program, and their individual organizational applications:

Sara Zaragoza, and another member of the ACME Theater.

Fred Buderer, on behalf of the Davis Manor Neighborhood Council.

Stacey Vetter on behalf of the Davis Arts Center.

The Commission was impressed with the variety of submissions and spent a great deal of time deliberating to come up with their recommendations. In an effort to fund additional projects, the commission recommended that the original allocated amount of \$18,500 be increased to \$40,000. This funding is available from a contribution that the Cannery Development Project made directly towards art programming.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins made a motion to approve 10 Community Arts/Centennial projects for a total of \$31,067. Commissioner Joshi seconded this motion. Motion passed with a vote of 6 to 1 by Commissioner McCarthy.

The Civic Arts Commission recommended funding the following grant submissions:

Community Arts/Centennial Grants

Music at Davis Community Meals	\$2500
Free Comedy in the Park - Scapino!	\$4000
Natural History Guide	\$4000
2016 Davis Shakespeare Festival	\$4000
Claytopia	\$4000
Music Day	\$4000
Campito Kids Film	\$2710
Voice of the Wood ReBoot	\$1812
Whole Earth Festival Hoop Project	\$1000
Natural Fiber & Dye Workshop	\$3870
TOTAL	\$31,067

Commissioner Joshi recused himself from the meeting.

Action: Commissioner Hutchins made a motion to approve 2 additional Neighborhood Grant projects for a total of \$7,950, bringing the total recommendation for funding to \$39, 017. Commissioner Milton seconded this motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Neighborhood Grants

Senior Center Community Built Bench	\$4000
Davis Manor Neighborhood Street Mural	\$3950
TOTAL	\$7,950

TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING \$39, 017

C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2016

Action: Commissioner Milton made a motion to move this item to the next meeting, and Commissioner Hutchins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

Staff thanked the Commission for their efforts at carefully and critically reviewing the grant applicants, and working together to present strong recommendations to the Council.

8. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 to the next meeting on February 8, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hartsough
Arts & Culture Manager
City of Davis