



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2016**

Commissioners Present: Casey Hutchins (Chair), Jane Higgins, Nikhil Joshi, Samantha McCarthy, Carol Smith, Sarah Zimmerman

Commissioners Absent: Piper Milton

Staff: 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. Public Comment. No public comments were made.

4. 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 January and February, 2016

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

5. Regular Items

A. Gandhi Sculpture

The Commission received an update regarding the status of donation of a Gandhi statue. The project is proceeding smoothly with an anticipated completion date, as requested by the donor, of October 2, 2016. This date coincides with Gandhi's birthday and the International Festival in Central Park, presented by the International House.

B. Poet Laureate

The CAC appointed Commissioners Smith and Hutchins to serve on the selection committee to select the next Poet Laureate. Nomination Guidelines will be publicized during the month of April, and applications will be due on April 29, 2016.

C. Utility Box at Russell/College Park (near I-House)

Discussion about the commission of a utility box owned by the City at the corner of Russell and College Park, in front of the International House. Staff suggest commissioning an artist to design this box to celebrate the role of culture in our community. Proposed themes would

include: international art and culture, celebration of the multicultural population in Davis, pride in our diverse residents and visitors.

Action: Commissioner Joshi moved to approve up to \$2000 to commission an artist or designer through the same formal RFP process used for the Farmer's Market utility box commission, using a vinyl treatment to wrap the utility box. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Commission and Staff Communications

Commission received updates on the following items:

A. In the Key of Davis

B. City of Davis Community Art Grants

Award contracts are being completed and awards distributed to grantees.

C. South Davis Public Art RFP

Walnut Park RFP waiting to see if larger park wide grant will get funding, in which case there may be more money available for an arts commission. RFP for mural project in Woodbridge Park should go out to public soon.

D. Farmer's market utility box

RFP should go out to the public in late April/early May.

E. Policy Review

The CAC will be receiving copies of our existing arts guidelines and policies in the next few months for review and updating. These will also be shared with other community stakeholders for input.

F. 1% for Art Private Development Ordinance

Staff is researching this topic to present to Council in the next few months.

7. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Commissioner Higgins made note of the good press in the recent Davis Enterprise article publicizing the Community Arts grants.
- Commissioner Zimmerman proposed that we invite representatives from the Art Hotel and/or other interesting models to future meetings to share their experience with the Commission.
- Rachel Hartsough announced that the City is applying for a CA Arts Council California Creative Communities grant in conjunction with the Arts Alliance. There was interest in having members of the Civic Arts Commission included in Arts Alliance meetings-Rachel will pursue this.

8. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 to the next meeting on April 11, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hartsough
Arts & Culture Manager
City of Davis