



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2016**

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

Commissioners Absent: none

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 McCarthy 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 March, 2016

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

5. Regular Items

A. Gandhi Sculpture

The Commission received an update regarding the Gandhi statue. A letter was received from the Organization for Minorities in India in opposition of placing the sculpture in Davis. The Commission reviewed the letter, discussed the feedback, and will proceed as planned. The statue will be an icon of peace and non-violence in Davis. The project is otherwise proceeding smoothly with an anticipated completion date 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

Nomination Guidelines have been posted and are being publicized during the month of April, and applications will be due on April 29, 2016.

6. Commission and Staff Communications

Commission received updates on the following items:

A. In the Key of Davis

2 additional pianos have been secured, will be painted (one by Da Vinci students, one by an artist through RFP process), and placed in late May/early July.

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 (will know in May), 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/I-House utility boxes

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

7. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

- Rachel shared information from the Arts Alliance about a monthly Arts social which will be held on the 1st Monday of each month at Our House. Commissioners are invited and welcome to attend.
- Commissioner Zimmerman introduced the **Shelley & Donald Rubin Foundation**, who “believes in art as a cornerstone of cohesive, resilient communities and greater participation in civic life.” She suggested the Commission might like to explore their social practice, and that of other similar programs as an objective for the Commission to pursue in the future.

8. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 to the next meeting on May 9, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Hartsough

Arts & Culture Manager

City of Davis