



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2016**

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

Commissioners Absent: Samantha McCarthy, Carol Smith

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 Joshi 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 April, 2016

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

5. Regular Items

A. Gandhi Statue. The Commission received an update.

B. Poet Laureate. The Commission received an update. Nominations were due on April 29th. We received 4 applications, 3 of which were complete. The selection review committee will meet the week of May 23rd to interview 3 nominees. The panel will consist of Commissioners Smith and Hutchins, community poetry editor Mimi Kusch, and past Poet Laureate Allegra Silberstein.

C. Public Arts Brochure. The Commission discussed plans for updating current map and public arts guide. Commissioner Higgins has photographs of much of the public art in the City that she is willing to share for this project. Staff re meeting with the Yolo County Visitors bureau to discuss collaborating on updating Davis documents.

D. Percent for Art Private Development ordinance. The Commission received an update and selected Commissioners Zimmerman and Joshi to serve on a

subcommittee to begin researching and putting together information to bring to Council in the Fall proposing a new Percent for the Arts ordinance.

- E. Farmer's Market/I-House utility boxes.** The Commission appointed Commissioners Milton and Higgins to serve on this selection committee. Applications are due on May 25th.
- F. California Arts Council Consulting Grant.** Staff applied for a small consulting grant to the California Arts Council to pay for a portion of the web design for the Arts Alliance, which would be open to all Davis artists and Arts providers.
- G. Catch Basin Education Program/Painted Storm Drains.** Staff will be meeting with Leslie Crenna, of Water Wise Davis, to discuss a "Catch Basin Education" proposed project to contract an artist to paint the storm drains, indicating which body of water each drain feeds into, and bring more awareness of the pollutants entering our local watershed. The Commission was enthusiastic about this project, and will look forward to a more formal proposal for support in the future.
- H. In the key of Davis.** Pianos will be rolled back out soon, weather permitting. One new piano will be delivered to daVinci students to paint, and a second donated piano will be painted by an artist. A formal RFP has been posted, and is due on June 6th. Artwork will be created on-site, in the public. Commissioners brainstormed possible locations for new pianos, and suggested Main Branch Library, Farmers' market under an awning, Train station under an awning, E Street Plaza, Vet's Center, Davis Food Co-op.
- I. South Davis Public Art RFP.** These projects are still on hold pending Walnut Park grant announcement and completed Parks maintenance work. Commissioners requested a reminder of who is meant to serve on the selection committees.
- J. Policy Review.** Commissioners will be receiving copies of some of the Civic Arts policies over the summer for review and updating in the Fall.

6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications

- Commissioner Milton offered to look into/experiment with using social media to promote Arts programs and opportunities.
- Commissioner Zimmerman reported on the Art Hotel program at the Crocker.
- Staff shared a recent announcement that TB-9, on the UC Davis campus, has been added to the National Historic Register, and thanked Commissioner Higgins on her hard work to make this happen.

7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm, to the next meeting on June 13, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Hartsough
Arts & Culture Manager
City of Davis