



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2016**

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

Commissioners Absent: Piper Milton

Staff: Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:15.

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 May 9, 2016

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

5. Regular Items

- A. Waste Water Treatment Facility.** The Commission discussed a request made by PW staff to use part of the WWTF municipal arts funding on-site at the plant to commission a fountain that uses reclaimed water. Dianna Jensen, City Engineer from Public Works, attended the meeting and spoke with the commission about how the fountain would be used. There was concern from Comm. Smith about using the public perception of using water for a fountain during the drought, but Dianna assured her that the amount would be inconsequential and that the plant is processing millions of gallons of water, so a fountain would provide a nice demonstration of the processed water. Commissioners shared the desire to include signage at the site of the Art fountain that explains about the water being reclaimed, and determine whether an indoor or outdoor fountain makes the most sense. The Commission also requested to schedule a tour at the WWTF soon so that they can begin to address how to appropriately spend the Municipal Arts Funding for this project.

Action: Commissioner McCarthy moved and Commissioner Zimmerman seconded a motion to approve the staff recommendation to allocate up to, but not exceeding, \$50,000 of the allotted 1% of WWTP CIP money (\$640K) to construct a (1) a site-specific Public Art fountain and (2) a tile installation at the WWTF in the chlorine contact tank; and to approve staff recommendation to release a Request for Proposals to hire an artist/s to create these public art features onsite at the WWTP.

Motion passed by the following vote Aye-Zimmerman, McCarthy, Joshi, Hutchins, Higgins; No-Smith.

- B. Gandhi Statue.** Project is moving forward as scheduled.
- C. Poet Laureate.** A panel consisting of Commissioners Smith and Hutchins, community poetry editor Mimi Kusch, and past Poet Laureate Allegra Silberstein interviewed 3 candidates for the position and are recommending that the Commission reaffirm Andy Jones for a second term. His appointment would begin in September 2016, and run through September 2018.

Action: Commissioner Joshi moved and Commissioner Smith seconded a motion to approve the committee recommendation to confirm Andy Jones for a second term as City of Davis Poet Laureate. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Farmer's Market utility boxes.** Commissioners Milton and Higgins, along with Farmer's market representatives Anne Evans and Randii McNear, reviewed applications for the utility box in Central Park to be painted to commemorate the Farmer's Market 40th Anniversary celebration on August 13th, 2016.

Action: Commissioner Joshi moved and Commissioner McCarthy seconded a motion to approve the committee recommendation to contract with local artist Danielle Fodor on the Farmer's Market utility Box in Central Park. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Public Arts Brochure.** The Commission discussed plans for updating the 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 reported on meeting with the Yolo County Visitors Bureau to discuss collaborating on updating City of Davis arts literature.
- F. 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.
- G. In the Key of Davis.** Pianos have all been relocated in the public at the following locations: UC Davis Arboretum/Wyatt Deck, Davis Food Coop, Hunt Boyer

Plaza, Train Depot, and Central Park. Artist Will Durkee was selected by the piano committee to paint the public piano located at Hunt Boyer mansion. After final approval he will do this work over the summer.

- H. South Davis Public Art RFP.** The City did not receive the grant for Walnut Park during the 2016 year, so we will be moving forward with these projects in the Fall. Commissioners requested a reminder of who is meant to serve on the selection committees.
- I. Policy Review.** Commissioners received copies of some of the Civic Arts policies for review over the summer and updating in the Fall. Request to re-send documents in the future with instructions and deadlines for return of comments.

6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications

- There will be no meetings in July or August
- Commissioner Zimmerman shared information about the Heidelberg Project (<http://www.heidelberg.org/>)

- 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