



**Civic Arts Commission  
Minutes  
Monday, October 10, 2016**

**Commissioners Present:** Nikhil Joshi (Chair), Carol Smith, Casey Hutchins, Samantha McCarthy, Piper Milton

**Commissioners Absent:** Jane Higgins, Sarah Zimmerman

**City Council Liaison:** Will Arnold (absent)

**Staff:** Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 7:20.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Action:** Commissioner Joshi moved and Commissioner Hutchins 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 September 12, 2016**

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

**5. Regular Items**

**A. Yolo Hospice *Before I Die...* project**

Louise Joyce, of Yolo Hospice, gave an update to Commissioners about the *Before I Die...* project by artist Candy Chang. We are targeting the South wall of the Regal theater building at 1<sup>st</sup>/F Streets, and currently planning to install the project in English/Spanish/Mandarin. Comm. Hutchins suggested also using Russian, and looking into other possible language options. Funding is being solicited by Yolo Hospice from several major health care providers in the region.

**B. Gandhi Statue**

On Sunday, October 2, among a large community gathering, Mayor Robb Davis, along with Senator Lois Wolk, the Indian Ambassador from SF, and a number of other community members and City Council members participated in a dedication ceremony for the Gandhi statue in Central Park. Despite the controversy, and the presence of loud protestors, the ceremony was well attended and celebratory, the

sculpture is a beautiful addition to Central Park, and its message for peace will hopefully be embraced by the community.

**C. 2017 Community Arts Grant timeline and application review**

Community Art Grant guidelines and are due by October 28<sup>th</sup>. This year we have \$30,000 from our general fund budget. We are promoting the grants through the Enterprise, our RFP subscribers, and through the Arts Alliance. Staff has been providing a lot of one-on-one assistance with applicants. Comm. Joshi made note of the fact that he will be gone during the regularly scheduled December meeting.

**D. Arts Alliance-strategic planning and website development**

The Arts Alliance, in partnership with the City, will be consulting with Paula Manley, an arts strategist out of Portland. Commissioners will be invited to participate in the stakeholder workshop during the winter. Details forthcoming.

**E. Waste Water Treatment Facility/Municipal Arts funding**

Staff met with the City Attorney on September 13<sup>th</sup> to get some legal guidance regarding how WWTF funding can be spent. The next step will be to reach out to Council and the Arts Alliance to begin soliciting community input. We will hold one or several community meetings and solicit input regarding how to best use these funds. Funds must be used on-site at or adjacent to the treatment facility (which the Arts Commission has already recommended up to \$50,000 of this money be allocated), or in direct connection with the purpose, functionality, or benefit related to the facility. Staff will book a tour of the WWTF.

**F. Utility Box Painting-I-House.** R. Hartsough encouraged feedback from Commissioners and would like to solicit input from the community to identify utility boxes around the City that would be good candidates, and hopes to paint another 5-10 boxes in the upcoming year.

**G. Public Arts Brochure/Art Maps**

Staff is continuing to work with compiling information from various outdated sources into a more comprehensive collection so that brochures/maps can be updated.

**H. Percent for Art Private Development ordinance**

Sub-committee members Zimmerman and Joshi met on September 16<sup>th</sup> with staff and Council members Arnold and Frerichs to begin researching and putting together information to bring to Council in the Fall regarding a Percent for the Arts ordinance for private development projects.

**I. In the Key of Davis**

Pianos will remain in the public at the following locations: UC Davis Arboretum/Wyatt Deck, Davis Food Coop, Hunt Boyer Plaza, Train Depot, and Central Park through the end of October. Pianos have be re-tuned, and we are currently looking for winter placement and storage.

**J. South Davis Public Art RFPs**

We will be moving forward with these projects in the Fall. Commissioners were asked to serve on selection review committees. The following appointments were made: Walnut Park-Comm. Hutchins, Comm. Joshi, with Comm. McCarthy as a back-up or third committee member. Woodbridge-Comm. Smith, Comm. Milton.

**K. Program/Policy Review**

Commissioners have been asked to review copies of some of the program policy documents this fall, including the City of Davis Public Art Guidelines, Parks

Amenity Donation Policy, and Municipal Arts ordinance. Staff sent electronic documents with instructions and deadlines for return of comments.

Commissioners were asked to get suggested edits back to staff as soon as they can, but we will return to this topic after the grants process has been completed in January. These same documents are being presented to the Arts Alliance for similar feedback.

**L. Maintenance Update**

Watchtower, Slide Hill Park- The decking around the tower, which is actually part of the artwork, is rotting, and staff has been advised to remove or replace it for safety reasons. Staff met with representatives from Rotary who are interested in helpful to replace/rebuild the portions of the artwork that are in need of repair. Staff is working closely with the artist to make sure that any work keeps true to the original design and intent of the work.

Solar Intersections, Amtrak Station-Art staff is in contact with Marga Friberg, partner of the deceased artist. She is enthusiastic about working with the City to repair and perhaps upgrade the artwork. There appears to be a defect in the Mylar, and staff is researching other more permanent materials such as dichroic glass or Plexiglas to replace the Mylar. Planned meeting when she is in town.

G Street Plaza ironwork, gate is broken in several places. Staff met with Benson Fence Company, who will be providing a bid on repair, minor reconstruction, and repainting of the fence in the Street Plaza.

Solar Charging Station, North Davis Nugget-The glass on the face of the station is cracked. Staff is getting a quote from a local glass company to repair the piece, and also to look into more durable materials to replace the glass.

Painted Utility Box-The box at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup>/C was tagged with “ACER,” along with a large number of other downtown art and buildings. The artist Danielle Fodor was called into repair the painting.

Richards Bike Tunnel- The bike tunnel connecting Richards to E Street was heavily tagged with “ACER,” among other graffiti. The Police Department’s volunteer graffiti abatement team was brought in to clean up the tagging.

**6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications**

**A. Davis Manor Neighborhood Public Art Project**

An update on the project was provided by Comm. Joshi, who is also a Davis Manor neighborhood resident. Neighbors are inviting the public to attend the painting days on October 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Neighbor’s Night Out. There is currently discussion of postponing the event to forecast rain.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, to the next meeting on December 12, 2016.

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