



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Nikhil Joshi (Chair), Jane Higgins, Sarah Zimmerman, Piper Milton (acting Chair),. Carol Smith arrived late.

Commissioners Absent: Casey Hutchins, Samantha McCarthy, Jeffrey Day (alternate)

City Council Liaison: Will Arnold (absent)

Staff: Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Staff noted that the date for the next meeting is NOT on June 12th as indicated.

3. Public Comment. none

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 December 8, 2016

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

5. Regular Items

A. 2017 Community Arts Grants

At their meeting on December 20, 2016, City Council approved the recommendation of the CAC to award \$40,725 in community arts awards. The Commission discussed the idea of raising the maximum amount of the grants in the future to more than \$4000, and decided to look at some comparable sized cities to see what their grants programs look like. Also discussed was the idea of having more defined categories for grants in the coming year. The CAC would like to consider how there could be a more flexible source of funding available for emerging artists and short-term opportunities.

B. Arts Alliance-strategic planning update

Commissioner Smith gave an update on attending the Arts Alliance planning workshop with Paula Manley on January 13, 2017. The Community Visioning Workshop in the Arts will be held on February 1st. Commissioners were encouraged to come if their schedules permit.

C. Waste Water Treatment Facility/Municipal Arts Funding

Commissioner Smith reported on her tour at the WWTF. Staff discussed next steps for this process, which include identifying someone to help with compiling some information into a report and helping to facilitate a community introduction/meeting about the project to solicit ideas. The CAC discussed the idea of having one larger grant awarded, as well as a number of smaller grant that would allow a number of artists in the community to participate, as well as a nice range of artwork created from the project. Commissioner Zimmerman offered to help with facilitation. It was agreed that the forum would need concise information about the WWTF, photographs of comparable/similar/model projects in other cities, and ideas for ways that the WWTF connects to infrastructure, wildlife, and daily life in Davis.

D. Percent for Art Private Development ordinance discussion

Staff has been working on gathering research. Next step will be gathering sample language from other cities, and creating a concise grid of comparable programs. Staff will be meeting before the next meeting with Council member Frerichs to set next steps, and will schedule a follow-up meeting with the sub-committee as soon as that takes place.

E. 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. Feedback was collected. Staff will update and revise documents and send updated drafts to CAC once they are complete.

F. Accepted Public Art

Recommendation made by CAC on November 8th to formally accept several pieces (*Collaboration*, *Burka Boarder*, *Regal Theater benches*) will be on the City Council consent calendar on January 24th, 2017.

G. Maintenance Update

Slide Hill Park, Watchtower, We are still awaiting arrangement with Rotary to support the remodel of this piece.

Quercus, Bike tunnel, has been tagged several times. In December, major tagging was cleaned by contractor Dennis Govan, which will be covered from the municipal arts budget.

Circus Staff also reached out to Dennis Govan to clean graffiti from the statue. He determined that this could not be easily done with the tools at his disposal, and was being left to the art owner to maintain.

Light Repair-replaced broken fixture in courtyard behind Pence gallery that shines on Medusa, which will be covered from the municipal arts budget.

6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications

- A. Jane Higgins shared with the CAC an article that had been written in the Davis Enterprise on January 15th, 2016 about TB9.
- B. Change in meeting time was discussed, and it was determined that Thursdays are not a good time and that staff would again look into revisiting the regular meeting day/time.

7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm, to the next meeting on February 13, 2017

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