



**Civic Arts Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 13, 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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:15.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

- 3. Public Comment.** A visiting student from Community Development observed the meeting as part of a class assignment. Ning Wan, from the Davis International Film Festival also attended the meeting and introduced herself, the festival, and expressed interest in getting more involved and learning how to better fund the Film Festival, which is run through a local non-profit.

**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 January 19, 2017**

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

**5. Regular Items**

**A. Arts Alliance-strategic planning update**

Staff presented an update on the Arts Alliance Davis strategic planning process workshops (January 13<sup>th</sup> and February 1) and report, a draft of which was shared with the Commissioners. Next steps will include completion of the report and then simultaneously taking the recommendations from the Community Visioning in the Arts workshop on February 1, 2017 to propose a citywide program as part of a Creative California Communities grant. Commissioners Smith and Zimmerman reported on their participation in the Community Visioning Workshop.

**B. Creative California Communities grant application**

Staff is working with many of the participants from the Arts Alliance strategic program planning workshops to design a citywide program to propose through the

grant application, due March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to take place from June 2017-June 2019. Staff reported on program ideas and solicited feedback from the Commission.

**C. Percent for Art Private Development ordinance discussion**

Staff met with Council member Frerichs to discuss next steps, and will schedule a follow-up meeting with the sub-committee in the next few weeks, ideally before or by March 7th. Next steps will be putting together a concise report to share with interested community and developers. Planned timeline will be to hold a meeting with interested developers first, followed by a community meeting, both in April 2017.

**D. Art and Innovation Fund proposal**

Staff introduced a concept being drafted to allocate funding to festivals, emerging arts organizations, and other projects that promote establishing Davis as a destination for the Arts. Staff solicited feedback from the Commission. The Commission was in favor of the concept, and staff will return with details as they are worked out.

**E. Centennial Projects**

Staff introduced a few ideas as potential Centennial legacy projects. Staff will be soliciting funds from private community support if available, otherwise Municipal fund will be used. Commissioners discussed potential locations. Commissioners suggested new seat benches in Central Park (acknowledging that they have placed a moratorium on additional artwork in that location and this would need to be modified). Other suggestions included casting historic architectural building components, or somewhere near the new Centennial plaza. Staff requested that Commissioners look around the City and suggest additional locations, ideally where there is great public access, as well as a somewhat sheltered façade that could have a historical mosaic or other artwork installed to commemorate the Centennial.

**F. Health of Downtown Report.**

Commissioners were provided with a copy of the Public Arts section of a report that was presented to the City Council on February 7, 2017.

**G. Maintenance Update**

Collaboration will be relocated to the Bank of America parking lot landscaping at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and E sometime in the next few weeks. Permission was just attained from bank of America, with whom staff has been working for several months. Staff will be installing a concrete pad, and then the statue will be moved using the services of Dave Dewsnup.

Quercus, Bike tunnel, has been tagged several times since December. The Arboretum volunteers most recently helped to clean the graffiti, which was more minor this time compared to December.

Regal bench repair Mark Rivera will be repairing the bench that he designed in front of the Regal Theater. This bench has been damaged, and a small portion of the tiling has fallen off.

**6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications**

- A. Staff reminded Commissioners that some positions will term out or expire this year, and Commissioners should decide if they are interested in continuing and let staff know so that positions can be filled accordingly.

**7. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm, to the next meeting on March 13, 2017.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Rachel Hartsough  
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City of Davis