



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, March 13, 2017
7:15 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Nikhil Joshi (Chair), Jane Higgins, Sarah Zimmerman (arrived late), Samantha McCarthy, Jeffrey Day (alternate)

Commissioners Absent: Casey Hutchins, Carol Smith, Piper Milton

City Council Liaison: Will Arnold (absent)

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 Joshi moved and Commissioner McCarthy seconded approval of the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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 February 13, 2017

Action: Commissioner Joshi moved and Commissioner Day seconded approval of the minutes as presented, with date corrected to 2/13. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Items

A. Arts Alliance Davis-strategic planning update (attachment)

Staff presented a draft Strategic Plan for Creative Programs report to the Commission. Staff will be reaching out to participants in the Community Visioning sessions, and those Arts Alliance Davis members and stakeholders who expressed interest in participating but were unable to attend, to provide feedback on the Draft Report. All feedback will be shared with the consultant, Paula Manley, who will then integrate into the final report, completed this spring.

B. Creative California Communities grant application

Staff worked with many of the participants from the Arts Alliance strategic program planning workshops to design a citywide program to propose to the California Arts Council. This grant was submitted on March 6th, 2017. If funded, it would take place from June 2017-June 2019. Recipients should be announced by May, 2017.

C. Percent for Art Private Development ordinance discussion

Staff has scheduled a follow-up meeting with the sub-committee on March 20th. Next steps will be putting together a report to share with interested community and developers. Commissioners suggested getting additional data from research about comp cities, and reaching out to Shelly Willis.

D. Arts, Culture and Innovation Fund Proposal (attachment)

Staff provided a copy of the document submitted with the Arts budget proposal for FY 2017-18, which includes the allocation of new funding to support festivals, emerging arts organizations, and other projects that promote the Davis community as a champion of, and destination for the Arts. If approved, this new funding, which would be supported through the recently increased Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), or hotel tax, would provide a more sustainable stream of funding for arts programs in Davis.

E. Centennial Projects

Staff will be soliciting funds from private community support if available, otherwise municipal funds will be used to commission a “legacy” project to commemorate the Centennial. Commissioners discussed potential locations, and finally agreed that the initial focus should be on commissioning a single work at or near City Hall.

Commissioners also 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 the main library branch on 14th Street, 14th/F near Community Park, an area near Harper Junior High, or somewhere near the new Centennial plaza. Staff will return at the next meeting with an update from the Parks Department on the status of development in Central Park, and a timeline for potentially evaluating the seat benches as a future location for the creation of public art.

F. Public Art Donations (attachment)

Commissioners were provided with a staff report on a proposed donation to the Art in Public places collection.

Action: Commissioner Higgins made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Joshi, to recommend acceptance of *Balance Beam* by Cedric Wentworth, into the Art in Public Places collection. **Motion passed unanimously.**

G. Program/Policy Review

No update.

H. Maps

Staff is continuing to work with Jenni Cadieux, a UCD graduate student in Design, and Marc Hoshovsky, on the creation of a new pilot citywide art map. This map would include all works of publicly accessible artwork, as well as a pullout of the Downtown. It would be designed to fold into a pocket-sized map for fun and easy distribution.

Commissioner Higgins also introduced Omeka, an industry standard database used by libraries, museums, and other cultural institutions. Staff will assess this

tool over the coming months to determine if it seems like a good match for archiving our cultural assets.

I. CA Cultural District Designation (attachment)

Staff reviewed this new opportunity to determine if the City should apply for this state-certified designation. City staff also reached out to the California Arts Council for guidance, who suggested waiting until the next round of applications is solicited.

J. Maintenance Update

Collaboration was relocated to the Bank of America parking lot landscaping at the corner of 4th and E on March 9th using the services of Dave Dewsnup. An engineered concrete pad was poured by City staff, and the work has been properly installed in this new location.

Quercus, Bike tunnel, continues to get minor graffiti tags. The PD and Arboretum volunteers have continued to help to clean the graffiti.

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

Compassion Bench, Mark Rivera repaired, restored, and resealed the bench, with oversight from Brennan Bird. Mark will be the new “local” bench go-to for future bench needs, and Brennan left him with materials and instruction.

6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications

- A. Staff informed Commissioners of the Cesar Chavez celebration on April 1 from 10-1 at Central Park.
- B. Staff notes that the next meeting will be on the THIRD Monday of April to accommodate the first night of Passover.

7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm, to the next meeting on **April 17, 2017**) note this is not the regular meeting time, but the 3rd Monday in April).

Respectfully Submitted,

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City of Davis