Commissioners Present: Diane Carlson, Jeffrey Day, Nikhil Joshi (Alternate), Zinzi Raymond, Carol Smith, Sarah Zimmerman, Samantha McCarthy

Commissioners Absent: Maya Makker,
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 by Commissioner Zimmerman.

2. Approval of Agenda
   Action: Commissioner Smith 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 September 11, 2017
      Action: Commissioner Joshi moved and Commissioner Day seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Regular Items
   A. Grant Announcements
      Staff prepared Commissioners to be expecting to receive applications to review in later October/early November. The November and December meetings will be primarily focused on grant application review and recommendations. Applications are due October 27th. The program has $50,000 allocated this year for grant awards, the most ever.

      Commissioners discussed how the grant is marketed, and how else we could more broadly publicize the grant opportunities in the future.

   B. Percent for Art Private Development ordinance updates
      The art program has contracted with an assistant to help develop a draft of the Developer packet. As soon as this step is completed, staff will begin to hold meetings to get feedback from Developers and move the ordinance forward.

   C. Public Programs
Centennial Programs-Staff has been working with a local printmaker and bookmaker to design some opportunities for locals to make their own commemorative Centennial booklets in the fall. Using images from the UCD Special Collections archives, participants will have the choice of a workshop at the Davis Arts Center, or one of a number of free sessions, including Neighbor’s Night Out, to make their own booklets, using memories, rubber stamps, and other ephemera.

Before I Die…-Installation was completed on 1st Street, between E/F Streets, last month, and an unveiling ceremony will take place on October 13th. Commissioners are invited to join. The chalk walls, sponsored by Yolo Hospice, will be up for an undefined period of time, depending upon community participation.

Map-Staff will share the new map artwork with the Commission for feedback. Commissioners suggested that we take a field trip to look at the public art, and staff also recommended that all commissioners make themselves familiar with the City’s collection. Commissioners also suggested future discussions around our collection, including how they feel about the current artwork, and where and what they would like to see in the future. How do we best serve the community?

D. Public Art Donations

Burka Boarder-staff is working with Parks to determine what steps need to happen to relocate the statue to Community Park adjacent to the skate park.

Ceramics Conference-staff invited John Natouslas to submit a proposal to support the creation of a community build ceramic totem with artist John Toki as part of the Ceramics Conference in April 2018, and have not received any return correspondence.

E. Public Art Commissions

Temporary Arts-Staff continues to work with Arttech, out of Reno, and the Black Rock Arts Foundation (now Burning Man Arts), to contract with 2 artist to place temporary works of art in Davis parks. The following sculptures are now available this fall: Imago, and Good Luck Horseshoe, after they are de-installed from a temporary Art Park in Reno. The budget is $1,500-2,000 for each artist as an Honorarium, plus transportation, per diem and hotel for install and de-install, heavy equipment, electrician, and project management will be covered through the Arts program budget.

On September 11th staff submitted a report and request to the Open Space Commission to recommend placement of Good Luck Horseshoe in Wild horse open Space. The Open Space Commission did not recommend placement of that statue in the proposed location, as they did not think it was a good match, but they were positive about the idea of future placements of permanent and temporary artwork in Open Spaces.
On September 20th staff presented a proposal to the Recreation and Parks Commission for placement of Imago at Walnut Park and Good Luck Horseshoe at Playfield Park. Both proposed locations were recommended unanimously.

Downtown Davis Kiosk at Train Depot-Staff introduced the idea of commissioning a mural on the building at the Train Depot that is owned by the City.

Gary Gunderson-Staff is planning to meet with Seattle Artist Gary Gunderson on October 16th to discuss future appropriation of one of his kinetic sculptures for placement as a temporary work of art in Davis. Commissioner Zimmerman will join the meeting.

F. Maintenance Update

Quercus, Bike tunnel was repaired and repainted by Kerry Rowland-Avrech, and is slated to get power washed and graffiti coated in the next few weeks.

Public pianos have been relocated inside for the wet winter months.

Mirror Image of Medusa (Benbow Bullock) is still awaiting an insurance decision regarding how much will be awarded for replacement of this work that was destroyed from equipment failure when the Pence Tree was removed.

6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications

- Staff shared a list if upcoming events and city-sponsored programs, including:
  - Community Build DACA activity at Central park during Farmers’ Market, Pence Auction (Sep. 16), Chapman/Madrone Street Mural Project (Oct 6-8), Ground and Field theatre Festival (October 5-7), International Festival sponsored by the international House in Central Park (October 1), Davis International Film Festival (October 21-28), Before I Die…dedication ceremony (October 13th), Imagining America Conference (Oct. 12-14), Neighbor’s Night Out DIY Centennial Books (Oct 15).
- Commissioner Joshi shared information about a recent visit to the Munch show at SFMOMA.
- Commissioner Day distributed information about a free visiting writer series, also next weekend UCD will host the Human Rights Film Festival. MFA Open Studios will take place next weekend.
- Commissioner Smith shared information about the Manetti Shrem’s current exhibits, including John Cage’s 33 ½
- Commissioner McCarthy spoke, on behalf of a group of concerned citizens, about the future economic health of the Davis Arts Center. Letters were shared with staff from Marti Schoen and Linda Fitzgibbon about these concerns as well. Commissioner McCarthy asked that the City be prepared to step in and have a plan in place should the Davis Arts Center ever not be financially solvent, to insure that our community maintains a quality Arts Center. Commissioners suggested that we need more information, and some direct input from the Davis Arts Center, who has an independent Board of Directors, before a further conversation could take place.

7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30, to the next meeting on November 13, 2017 in the City Hall, Council Chambers conference room.
Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Hartsough
Arts & Culture Manager
City of Davis