



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, December 4th, 2017**

Commissioners Present: Carol Smith, Samantha McCarthy, Zinzi Raymond, Diane Carlson-Biggs, Sarah Zimmerman (Chair), Maya Makker

Commissioners Absent: Nikhil Joshi (alternate), Jeffrey Day

City Council Liaison: Will Arnold (absent)

Staff: Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:25.

2. Approval of Agenda

Action: Commissioner Carlson 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 November 13th, 2017

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

5. Regular Items

A. Maintenance Update

Staff gave a very brief update on current maintenance issues, including:

Imago-staff is working with the artist to provide more secure footings in Walnut Park.

Anthony Padilla Utility box at 1st/E Street was tagged recently. The graffiti abatement crew cleaned what they could, but could not remove all of the paint, so the artist has agreed to come back and do some repair work on the box.

B. 2017 Community Arts Grants

The Commission reviewed application scores and comments for all 21 grant applications received for this grant cycle, and made allocation recommendations for Council approval.

The following individuals were present, provided feedback and/or answered questions about their individual organizational applications:

Timothy Nutter
Jennifer Nachmanoff from the Davis Manor Neighborhood Council
Gloria Partida, The Davis Phoenix Coalition
Parents of Eunghee Cho, Mellon Music Festival
Beshara Kehdi, Silk Road Dabke Project
Kate Mellon-Anibaba, Statement of Love

The Poetry Night application was pulled from consideration due to an incomplete application, as it does not contain verification from a fiscal sponsor, as is specified in the guidelines. Staff will follow-up with the applicant to see if there is a way to help support the program in the future.

The Mellon Music Festival was pulled from consideration by Commissioners as they felt there were too many questions they had related to components of the grant that did not make sense within the current guidelines, and actions of the main local point of contact, while not directly affiliated with the applicant, are currently under investigation. Staff will follow-up with the applicant to see if there is a way to help support the program in the future.

This year the program has \$50,000 from general fund budget, and requested funds equal \$86,528. Staff provided a lot of one-on-one assistance with applicants, and commissioners were pleased with the quality and completeness of most of the applications.

In an effort to fund additional qualified projects, the commission recommended that the original allocated amount of \$50,000 be increased to \$71,578, with the overage of \$21,578 coming from Arts and Cultural Affairs funding, also part of the Arts general fund budget. Staff verified that this would be an appropriate use of these funds.

Commissioners discussed whether in the future a protocol should be developed regarding when and how funds should appropriately be spent on programming with UC Davis, and discussed agendaizing this to a future meeting.

Action: Commissioner Zimmerman made a motion to recommend funding of \$71,578 for 19 applicants at the following levels, with all of the funding coming from FY17/18 Arts budget (\$50,000 from allocated for Community Arts grants, \$21,578 additional funds from Arts and Cultural Affairs Fund). Commissioner Carlson seconded this motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ACME Theatre Company	\$3850
Davis Arts Center	\$4200
Davis Chamber Players	\$2000
Davis Community Chorale	\$4000
Davis Dirt	\$4000
Davis manor neighborhood Council	\$5000
Davis Media Access	\$3,999
Davis Musical Theatre Company	\$2,500

Davis Phoenix Coalition	\$2,000
Davis Shakespeare Festival	\$4,000
Ground and Field Theatre Festival	\$4,000
International House	\$5,000
Live Music at Davis Community meals	\$5,000
Pamela Trokanski	\$5,000
Pence Gallery	\$5,000
Silk Road Dabke Project	\$5,000
Statement of Love Mural/Mosaic	\$3,764
Stories on Stage Davis	\$2,400
Traditional Chinese Dough Figurine Art	\$865
TOTAL RECOMMENDED FUNDING	\$71,578

6. Brief Commission and Staff Communications

- Diane Carlson will represent the Civic Arts Commission as a juror on this year's Harmony in our Lives panel.
- Commissioners discussed the meeting date for the next meeting, and may not meet in January.

7. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm, to the next meeting scheduled on February 12, 2016. The January meeting will likely be cancelled.

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