



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, June 10, 2019**

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

Commissioners Absent: Zinzi Raymond, Nikhil Joshi

City Council Liaison: Will Arnold (absent)

Staff: Rachel Hartsough, Arts & Culture Manager

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Carlson-Biggs at 7:18.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

4. Public Comment.

None.

5. 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 March 11th, 2019

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

6. Regular Items

A. Public Programs

The Commission received an informational update on recent/upcoming City-supported programs, workshops, and performances:

- **Second Bite: The Wisdom of the Apple** will be open to the public through May 31st
- **Recology Artist-in-Residence program**
- **Professional Development Grant** from the CA Arts Council update

Art & Cultural Affairs Fund (ACAF) new approved programs and updates:

- Music on the Bus
- Juneteenth

- California Conference on the Advancement of Ceramic Art
- Mellon Music Festival
- Cherry Blossom Festival
- Davis Music Fest
- The Pence Gallery/Roma Devanbu installation
- Boris Allenou
- Davis Shakespeare Festival

B. Parks Commission Collaboration

Commissioners discussed upcoming staff presentation at Recreation and Parks Commission.

C. Waste Water Treatment Plant/Municipal Arts Funding

At their meeting on March 5th, the City Council authorized the funding allocation from the Wastewater Treatment plant project for the Municipal Arts budget. The next step of this project will be to hold community information gathering and engagement to develop a scope for how the project funding will be used. Staff met with several UCD faculty in subject areas relevant to this work to look at partnering on this community rollout. Staff will request nominations for 2 Commissioners to serve as part of the sub-committee who will review proposals for the WWTP arts at a future meeting.

D. Public Art Donations/Collection Care and Maintenance

The Commission received an informational update on recent and pending donations to the Art in Public Places collection and inventory care, including:

- Davis Centennial Seal (Davis Legacy installation) at Hunt-Boyer
- Sophie

Artist Jean Sillman has approached the City with interest in donating her sculpture *Sophie* to the City collection. The giant giraffe is currently sited at the corner of 1st and G, on the property of the Hilton Garden Inn (formerly Hallmark Inn), and the owner intends to keep it in this location, and has designed landscaping around its base. It includes a solid footing and is currently lit at night.

Commissioners request staff to reach out to artist to learn more about the piece: what materials it is made of, how it was installed, when it was installed, etc.

- Davis Comic Opera Quilt

The City was approached, via the Davis Arts Center, by Judith Parker, daughter of Ellie Glassburner, who purchased a quilt at a fundraiser in 1977. This quilt was created to raise funds for a building to support the activities of the costume guild. The Davis Theatrical Costumer guild created costumes for productions by the Davis Comic Opera Company, Davis High School, UCD Theatre Department and other dance and opera groups in the Davis area. The 20 quilt sections each represent a character from Comic Opera performances and are made from actual fabric from the real costumes designed by the Guild.

ACTION: Commissioner Raymond moved, and Commissioner Day seconded the motion to accept the Davis Comic Opera Quilt from Judith Parker, and add it into the city's collection.

- Art Inventory/Public Art Map

Commissioners received an informational update on the status of the public art map, which has been finalized and approved at all levels in the CMO, and has been sent to the printer for test runs.

E. Public Art Collection

The Commission received an informational update on the following current artwork commissions and contracts for temporary art:

- *Davis Needle* at 3rd/University (recently installed)
- *Think Outside the Box* Utility Box Vinyl Project (recently installed)
- Russell Greening Project at City Hall (in review process)
Staff requested 2 commissioners to serve on the selection review committee, and commissioners Makker and Smith were selected.
- Senior Center patio redesign (Upcoming RFP)
- Bicycle Pump Track (Upcoming RFP)
- Covell Path Reconstruction at Little League field (Upcoming RFP)
- Covell/Manazanita Pump fencing element (Upcoming RFP)
- Poleline/Olive Overcrossing shade element (Upcoming RFP)
- *Balance Beam* siting at Veterans Memorial theatre lawn
- *Chicken + Egg Situation*
- *Pentamonium*

Commission requested additional information from the artist: Could he train someone locally to maintain, how would the installation take place, what engineering requirements would the footing require? Commission discussed possible location ideas, including the train station.

- Mary McChesney artwork

Commission is interested in purchasing a piece called *Frog Totem*, and requested staff take this to the Open Space/Recreation and Parks Commissions to solicit feedback on potential placement in a park/OS setting before the Commission make a formal motion to purchase. Also interested in selling prices of formerly sold works.

F. Maintenance update

The Commission received a maintenance update on the following artwork:

- Watchman #8
- I am Quercus

G. Commission Goals and Objectives

The Commission began a workshop-style activity at the April 2018 meeting to brainstorm and develop priorities and goals for future Commission direction. This work will continue at future meetings as time permits.

7. Commission and Staff Communications

- A. Selection of 2019 Chair and Vice Chair positions-staff asked if outgoing commissioners are willing to stay through the selection of new appointees by the City Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Joshi moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion to appoint Commissioner Makker as Chair, and Commissioner Carlson-Biggs as Vice-Chair for the upcoming year.

- B. The city has been awarded an **Organizational Development grant from the CA Arts Council** to support work with a strategic marketing and communications specialist.

- C. Long-Range topics for agenda

- 8. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm, to the next meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 22nd at the Senior Center Activities Room.

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