



**Civic Arts Commission
Minutes
Monday, July 22, 2019**

Commissioners Present: Maya Makker, Carol Smith, Nikhil Joshi, Diane Carlson-Biggs, Zinzi Raymond

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Zimmerman (Chair), Jeffrey Day, Samantha McCarthy

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 6:55. The meeting was scheduled to begin earlier than normal, at 6:30, and due to the time change several commissioners arrived, and the meeting started, late.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Brief Announcements from Staff, Commissioners, and Liaisons

City Council has selected three new members for the Civic Arts Commission: Ruth Santer, Chad Fisk, and Patricia Quinn. Their terms will begin at the September 9th commission meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman has asked to remain on the Commission as an alternate, and Commissioner Smith will continue in her role for a second term.

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 June 10th, 2019

Action: Commissioner Raymond moved and Commissioner Makker 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:

- **Davis Shakespeare Festival**

- **Davis Chorale**
- **Davis Music Fest**

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 received a brief update from staff regarding collaboration between Art and Parks programming for several upcoming grants.

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

Commissioners reviewed additional information about this sculpture, and made the following motion:

ACTION: Commissioner Smith moved, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion to accept *Sophie*, by local artist Jean Sillman, located on the grounds of the Hilton Garden Inn, 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)

Commissioners received a recommendation of local artist Wes Horn from the selection review team for the Russell Boulevard Green Street Demonstration project.

ACTION: Commissioner Carlson-Biggs moved, and Commissioner Raymond seconded the motion to recommend that City Council approve the selection of Wes Horn for the Russell Boulevard Green Street Demonstration project public art component.

- 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.

ACTION: Commissioner Raymond moved, and Commissioner McCarthy seconded the motion to purchase Mary McChesney's *Frog Totem* sculpture, with the intent of working with Parks and Open Spaces to identify a good location for permanent siting.

Additionally, Commissioner McCarthy expressed her desire to see the artwork placed at or near North Davis pond, if possible.

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. Beginning in September meetings will begin at 6:45.
 - 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—none were raised at this time.
- 8. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm, to the next meeting at 6:45 pm on Monday, September 9th at 23 Russell Boulevard, in the Community Chambers Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Hartsough
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City of Davis