



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Any person wishing to speak to the Arts and Culture Commission on any of these matters is invited to participate via teleconference as described above.

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Allison Cooper; Vice-Chair Blake Washington; Members: George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Ann Wiens
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person, and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first; remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Consider approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2021 meeting. (Attachment)
5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
6. **NEIGHBORHOOD STORIES EVENT UPDATE**
Update from Erin Merritt on Neighborhood Stories Event.
7. **BUDGET UPDATE**
Receive Budget Update.

- 8. EVALUATION OF NEW SUBCOMMITTEES & MEMBER ASSIGNMENT**
Discussion and possible action on the newly established subcommittees (Master Plan & Financial Sustainability) and the assignment of subcommittee membership.
- 9. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS**
Discussion and possible action on upcoming ACC-sponsored events.
- 10. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**
 - a. Community Outreach Subcommittee (Gager, Washington)
 - b. Visual Arts Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Nichols)
- 11. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

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ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION****Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

This meeting was held via teleconference

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Allison Cooper; Vice-Chair Blake Washington; Members: George Gager, Bill Nichols. **Absent:** Members: Courtney Helion, Ann Wiens

2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilmember Rudnick announced an upcoming budget town hall in April on a Saturday morning and invited all to attend.

Staff Liaison Orologas provided an update on the completed artwork of 2 utility boxes by Martial Yapo and Jesse White. The third box by Richardo Cerezo is expected to complete in early April. She also announced an upcoming special joint meeting by Planning Commission and Design Review Board to provide an update on San Pablo Specific Plan on March 31, 7 P.M., and encouraged everyone to attend. She confirmed the upcoming budget town hall meeting will be on April 10.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Vice Chair Washington/Member Nichols **Action:** Motion to Approve February 22, 2021 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager and Nichols.

Noes: None.

Action: Approved minutes.

5. **POET LAUREATE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

Evelyn Mitchell expressed her gratitude for being selected as the City's Poet Laureate and recited a poem titled "For We Are Women" in honor of Women's History Month. Discussion of future collaborations and community events followed.

6. **WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**

Discussion regarding the 2021 Workplan, ongoing projects, and subcommittees.

Moved/Second: Vice Chair Washington/Member Nichols **Action:** Motion to Approve creating Master Plan Subcommittee and Financial Sustainability Subcommittee.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington; Members Gager and Nichols.

Noes: None.

Action: Approved to create the two subcommittees.

7. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

Discussion and recap on possible in person and virtual activities for October Arts Month.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Community Outreach Subcommittee (Gager, Washington): no update
- b. Visual Arts Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Nichols): no update

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Subcommittee re-evaluation and member assignment, election of Chair and Vice Chair, update from Erin Merritt, Mini Grant Program recipient, and budget update.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Allison Cooper, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of March 22, 2021 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison