MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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1. ROLL CALL – Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Present: Chair Cooper; Members: George Gager, Bill Nichols, Alan Pavlosky, Ann Wiens; Absent: Member Helion (excused), Vice-Chair Blake Washington (unexcused).

2. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS
Councilmember Rudnick announced a non-official Christmas decoration competition hosted by a community member through the Instagram account, theLittleHill. She encouraged everyone to promote the event to other community members.
Chair Cooper reported that she had a follow up with the California Sound Collective, and the organization is preparing to submit a proposal for a mini grant application.
Member Nichols reported that he had sent the Long-Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee Report to every member of the Commission for future discussion.
Staff Liaison Orologas announced the availability of COVID-19 vaccines for children aged five and older. Secondly, she stated that the City’s new minimum wage for 2022 was $16.37 per hour and was posted online. Lastly, she invited everyone to attend the virtual San Pablo Avenue Development & Complete Streets Open House scheduled on November 18 at 5 p.m.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved/Second: Member Wiens/Member Nichols Action: Motion to approve October 25, 2021, meeting minutes. Ayes: Chair Cooper; Members Gager, Nichols, Pavlosky and Wiens Noes: None. Minutes approved.

5. MAYFAIR DEVELOPMENT ARTWORK PRESENTATION
Received an update from Planning Manager, Sean Moss and a presentation from Artists Andre Caradec and Andrei Hakhovich.

6. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES
a. Workplan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Washington) Chair Cooper stated that the Workplan was approved during last meeting and that there was no update on the Mini Grant Rubric.
b. Long-Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee (Gager, Nichols, Wiens)  
Member Nichols expressed his disagreement that the Long-Term Vision/Sustainability Subcommittee Report was not attached to the agenda nor placed on the agenda as a discussion item as he advised that the item was intended to be placed on the November agenda. In response, Chair Cooper explained that she did not include the item as a part of the agenda for discussion due to the fact the item was scheduled for discussion in December, the timeframe in which the report was provided, and that it contained recommendations on modifying the existing ordinance, which she explained, would be a City Council decision. Staff Liaison Orologas stated that the Commission would benefit from receiving a presentation from City Manager Karen Pinkos given that she was a former Staff Liaison and was involved with the then-City Council in establishing the Arts and Culture Commission.


b. Artist Engagement Subcommittee (Helion, Nichols, Pavlosky) No update.

c. Chalk Festival Subcommittee (Gager, Pavlosky, Wiens) No update.

7. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS
To be discussed in the next meeting due to lack of time.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING
Public comments:
Cordell Hindler – Expressed the difficulty in attending the meetings due to time conflict between different advisory bodies and suggested staggering the meeting time.

Long-Term Vision/Subcommittee presentation and discussion. Presentation from the City Manager, Karen Pinkos.

9. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 8:31 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 November 15, 2021, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison