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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 405, Redwood City CA 94063

MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call** Vice Chair, Commissioner Heise called the meeting to order at 3:04 with roll call.
In Attendance: Commissioners Heise, Magbilang, Anoa'i, Shaikh, and Fried
Absent: Commissioners, Deciron, Nair, Seymour, and Youth Commission Liasion Zhao
Staff: Aimee Shapiro and Mara Grimes
- 2. Agenda Amendments**
None
- 3. Oral Communications**
None
- 4. Consideration of Minutes** of March 23, 2024, special meetings. Minutes were not considered as there was not a quorum in attendance. Will be voted on at the July 17, 2024, meeting.
- 5. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**

Aimee Shapiro:

 - Director thanked the Commissioners for their work. She stated that the Office of Arts and Culture is working on many new and existing programs, especially public art projects. She noted that the expectation is that 2 Arts Commissioners will serve on each of the selection committees. Updates to the public arts projects include:
 - ◆ Causeway Mural – the area is being prepared so that the wrap can be installed, the Public Works Department is responsible for the work
 - ◆ Veterans and First Responder Memorial – a RFQ was launched in January and deadline was extended until March as we did not get enough submissions. From the 12 applications we did receive, 4 were chosen as finalists by the selection committee. They are scheduled to make in-person presentations to the committee on June 6, 2024.
 - ◆ Navigation Center Mural – Director explained that the Navigation Center provides safe temporary living spaces for individuals and couples experiencing homelessness along with intensive support services designed to help clients find and maintain stable housing. She explained that the mural project will support an artist that will work with the residents to create a mural with themes and images related to a sense of home, belonging, inclusion and stability. The RFP was released April 24 and the deadline to apply is May 22, 2024. She

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encouraged the Commissioner to share this project and other upcoming public art projects with their networks.

- ◆ Youth Services Center Mural – the OAC will open an RFP on May 23, 2024, this project working with youth at the juvenile detention center. The youth will design the mural and looking to find a teaching muralist who has experience working with youth to facilitate the project.
- Director said that she was working with a exhibitions consultant to guide the OAC on best practices to safely hang artwork in the new COB3 building. Artwork will no longer be hung in the Caldwell Gallery or the Café in 400 County Center.
- She added that the other programs and events the OAC was working on included 1) are the Youth Arts Fellowships (formerly Youth Cultural Ambassadors) which will feature one student from each supervisorial district and be managed by the OAC; 2) Emerging Curator Program who will curate 2-3 shows per year and have a one-year term to encourage more diversity; and the OAC will be providing art activities for kids at the San Mateo Pride event on June 8, 2024. She asked if the Commissioners were interested in volunteering for the event to let her know.

Mara Grimes:

- Admin-Manager stated that she is working on supporting all of the activities described by the director in addition to:
- Juneteenth event with the San Mateo County Office of Education, and the SMC Office of Racial and Social Justice to take place at the South San Francisco Parks and Rec Center on June 5, 2024, which will feature student artwork and literary works and performances.
- There are two grant opportunities the OAC is applying for (deadlines the same day June 6) the CA Arts Council (CAC) and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI), both of which we have received before. The requests are for general support and would support our regranting to SMC arts and culture nonprofits.
- This year our Countywide Celebration of the Arts will be a collaboration with the San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place on September 28, 2024, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm on B Street in down

6. Discussion Items

A. Report from *Partnerships/ Communication/Visibility Committee*

Commissioner Magbilang presented the report highlighting ways the Commission can partner with County arts and culture organizations and the Center for Creativity. Commissioner Anoa'i said that to support the work, he could create a form so that arts and culture organizations could sign up to be included in a directory.

B. Report from *Toolkit/Message/Awareness Committee*

Commissioner Fried presented the report noting that the committee was updating the Advocacy Toolkit currently on the Arts Commission website. She further stated that they have set milestones for each of the steps in their plan which includes a timeline, tangible outcomes, and outcome goals. They intend to have the key pieces completed in June and will present the plan at the September Commission meeting.

C. Report from *Resources for Artists Committee*

Commissioner Shaikh invited Commissioner Anoa'i to join their committee. She stated that the Committee needed more information about the landscape of the arts and culture communities in the County before they could assess best ways to serve others. The committee would like to create a set of directories such as artists by discipline, venues in the County, art galleries, etc. She stated that she felt there was a lot of cross over between the committees.

D. Next steps for Arts Commission

The Admin-Manager added that she will create folders on the shared Google Drive so that the Arts Commissioners share and can access each other's work. The Director suggested that the Commission create a timeline of all the goals by the July Meeting and so that the Commission has a complete workplan. She went on to question what are the ways in which the Commission can measure progress and success. She asked the Commission to advise how much help and guidance they wanted from the Office of Arts and Culture. She reminded the group to show up on a regular basis at community events in their district but also to go outside

their usual comfort level to see new things and meet new people.

7. Action Item

A. Election of Officers

Commissioner Magbilang nominated herself for Chair and Commissioner Shaikh nominated herself for Vice-Chair. Roll Call Vote: approved the slate unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:41 pm

NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING: July 17, 2024 – 3:00-5:00 PM