



MEETING MINUTES

Culture and Arts Commission January 19, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair **Madden** called the meeting of the Culture and Arts Commission to order at 6:32 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Pamela Madden, Vice Chair Janet Monaghan, Megan Dahlgren, Pamela Gamble, Jeanne George (late), Mario Guitron, and Melissa Rohlfs (late). Staff Present: Mottola and Wallace.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner **Guitron** led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** No changes.
4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Minutes from November 17, 2022. **MSC Monaghan/Gamble.** Accepted 5-0.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. Appoint Commissioner to Recreation and Aquatic Center Art Subcommittee - **Superintendent Wallace** reviewed the staff report. **Commissioner Rohlfs** asked about expectations and guidelines for the types of art being considered. **Director Mottola** stated that staff was working on where art could happen. She stated that most likely recommendations would be made for something that was integrated into the construction and possibly something that was more experiential. **Chair Madden** appointed Commissioner Dahlgren.
 - b. Approve 2023 Culture and Arts Commission Meeting Schedule – **Superintendent Wallace** reviewed the meeting schedule. Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. **MSC Monaghan/Gamble.** Unanimous.
 - c. Review and Approval of the 2023 Culture and Arts Commission Working Calendar – **Superintendent Wallace** presented the staff report. He stated that there are two items not on the working calendar. The first item was about staff evaluating ways to use the art fund in a sustainable manner while taking into account that there was limited staff time and staff resources. Staff was considering establishing a grant program where the commission would entertain different grant proposals from artists and event planners and make decisions on different projects to fund through that program. He stated he wasn't

sure what month a proposal would be presented to the commission. Also in the next few months art at the RAC would be coming to the commission. **MSC Monaghan/Guitron**. Unanimous.

- d. Conduct Election of 2023 Commission Officers – **Superintendent Wallace** presented the staff report.

Commissioner Monaghan nominated Chair Madden for chair. **MSB Monaghan/Guitron**. Unanimous.

Chair Madden nominated Commissioner Guitron for vice chair. **MSB Madden/Monaghan**. Unanimous.

9. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Commissioner Rohlfs asked about why there was public voting on the holiday windows. She felt that it turned into a popularity contest. **Superintendent Wallace** stated that it was to encourage the public to go downtown, view the windows, and voice their opinion.

Commissioner Rohlfs stated that she noticed that there had been public art at different establishments. She asked if there could be a guide created about the art around the city. **Superintendent Wallace** stated that there was map on the commission's webpage that showed all the art projects worked on by the commission. She explained that she was talking businesses that had public art. She wanted the map to be expanded beyond the City funded pieces. Discussion about staff resources and the possibility of having the commission do the research. **Director Mottola** stated that it was really important to understand that the commission had an advisory role and the creation of work for themselves was stepping outside that role. She asked for some patience as a grant program was explored.

Commissioner Dahlgren asked about engaging more as a resident. **Director Mottola** stated that as a resident she could reach out to her to share experiences on programs.

10. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Superintendent Wallace announced that the Lunar New Year Celebration would be on February 1st at the Senior Center. It was open to the community.

Director Mottola stated that annually the City Attorney's office offered ethics, Brown Act, and conflict of interest training. Email was sent out by City Clerk's office with upcoming dates. All elected and appointed are required to attend every other year.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Madden** adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.