

San José Arts Commission Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Location: City Hall Room W118
200 East Santa Clara St
San José, CA

Time: 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. with a quorum present

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Jill Arnone, Aarti Awasthi, Douglas Beach, David Eisbach, Amul Goswamy, Sharon Gustafson, Ernest Guzman, Michael Martin, Steve McCray, Patricia Borba McDonald, Ruth Tunstall-Grant

Commissioners absent: Dennis Martin, Dr. Lisa Gonzales

Staff present: Office of Cultural Affairs –Irene Ray, Lawrence Thoo, Barbara Goldstein, Tammy Turnipseed, Fawna Ferguson; City Manager’s Office – Mignon Gibson; City Attorney – Barbara Jordan

Council Liaison: Staff Stephanie Fong

III. INTRODUCTIONS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of April 11, 2007

M/S/C (Guzman/Beach): To approve the minutes as submitted.

V. AGENDA REVIEW

VI. CHAIR’S REPORT — *Steve McCray*

Report presented

VI-a SPECIAL REPORT **Time Certain 5:40 p.m.**

Update and discussion on the re-opening of the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art in its new home — *Cathy Kimball, Executive Director, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art*

Report presented

- VI-b SPECIAL REPORT **Time Certain 6:15 p.m.**
Report and discussion on Mexican Heritage Corporation — *Marcela Davison Aviles, President and CEO, Mexican Heritage Corporation*
Report presented

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Program Committee — *Sharon Gustafson, Chair*
Chair's Report

1. **Festival, Parade & Celebration Grants:** Recommend that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute 2007-08 Festival, Parade & Celebration grant agreements with 25 organizations for 34 events, in the amounts indicated, in a total amount not to exceed \$413,194.
M/S/C (Gustafson/Guzman; Arnone recusing due to a conflict of interest regarding Mexican Heritage Corporation Mariachi Festival): To accept the recommendation.
2. **Project & Program Grants:** Recommend that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute 2007-08 Project & Program Grant agreements with 22 organizations, in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$325,082.
M/S/C (Gustafson/McDonald; Tunstall-Grant recusing due to a conflict of interest regarding Silicon Valley Children's Fund): To accept the recommendation.
3. **Operating Grants:** Recommend that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute 2007-08 Operating Grant agreements with 29 organizations, in the amounts indicated, for a total amount not to exceed \$2,107,123.
M/S/C (Gustafson/Guzman; Arnone recusing due to a conflict of interest regarding Works San Jose): To accept the recommendation.
4. **Arts Stabilization Fund:** Recommend that the City Council accept the Arts Commission's recommendations regarding the Arts Stabilization Fund and authorize the City Manager to implement them.
M/S/C (Gustafson/Guzman): To accept the recommendation.

Commissioner Goswamy left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

B. Public Art Committee — *Ruth Tunstall-Grant, Chair*
Chair's Report

Items VII.B.1. through VII.B.8. deferred to the June 13, 2007 Arts Commission meeting.

1. **Artist Pool:** Report on approval of 139 new artists for the pre-qualified artist pool. (Citywide)

2. **Fire Station 36:** Report on recommendation that the City Manager negotiate and execute an agreement with Merge Conceptual Design, LLC (Franka Diehnelt and Claudia Reisenberger) to develop a design proposal for an artwork for Fire Station #36 public art project for an amount not to exceed \$18,000. (Council District 8)
 3. **Solari/Seventrees:** Report on a recommendation that the City Manager negotiate and execute an agreement with Topher Delaney to develop a design proposal an artwork for the Seventrees Branch Library and Solari Community Center public art project for an amount not to exceed \$37,500. (Council District 7)
 4. **Police Substation:** Report on a recommendation to approve the Design Development of artist Thomas Sayre for South San Jose Police Substation, and that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Thomas Sayre to fabricate and install an artwork at the South San Jose Police Substation in an amount not to exceed \$340,000. (Citywide)
 5. **Frontier Village:** Report on a recommendation to approve a design development proposal by Jon Rubin for the Frontier Village interpretive artwork project. (Council District 2)
 6. **Joyce Ellington Branch Library:** Report on a recommendation that the City Manager increase the fabrication budget for Lucy Liew in the amount of \$5,000 for the Joyce Ellington Branch Library public art project. (Council District 3)
 7. **Art & Technology:** Report on Art & Technology Lighting: City Hall.
 8. **Budget:** Report on the Public Art budget.
- C. Executive Committee — *Dennis Martin, Chair*
Chair's Report

1. **Budget:** Review and take action on a recommendation that
 - a. City Council approve the 2007-08 funding allocations Lines 1-31 for Arts and Cultural Programs, Projects, Grants, Activities and Support in the amount of \$4,283,770, in the amounts specified.

M/S/C (Gustafson/Awasthi; Arnone recusing due to a conflict of interest regarding Mexican Heritage Corporation Mariachi Festival and Works San Jose): To accept the recommendation for Lines 1 and 4 of the 2007-08 Funding Allocations.

M/S/C (Gustafson/Awasthi; Tunstall-Grant recusing due to a conflict of interest regarding Silicon Valley Children's Fund): To accept the recommendation for Line 3 of the 2007-08 Funding Allocations.

M/S/C (Eisbach/Arnone): To accept the recommendation for Line 2 and Lines 5 through 31 of the 2007-08 Funding Allocations.

- b. The Arts Commission discuss and take action on a staff recommendation regarding Lines 32-33 for the use of an additional \$190,600 in 2007-08 Transient Occupancy Tax revenues, as follows: \$152,000 for an ongoing Deputy Director of OED for Cultural Affairs, and \$38,600 not earmarked for a specific use, and that
- c. The Arts Commission recommend to City Council the use of said \$190,600 in Transient Occupancy Tax revenues.

M/S/C (McCray/Arnone): To amend the staff recommendation regarding Line 32-33 as follows: \$152,000 for an ongoing Deputy Director of OED for Cultural Affairs, provided that (i) the funding of such position by Transient Occupancy Tax revenue be temporary and reviewed annually during the annual budget process so as to return the position to the General Fund as soon as possible, and (ii) the arts community and the Arts Commission be actively engaged in recruitment and selection to ensure the hiring of a person possessing the qualifications appropriate for the role envisioned by the staff recommendation; and \$38,600 not earmarked for a specific use.

M/S/C (Eisbach/Arnone): To accept the staff recommendation for Lines 32-33 as amended.

D. Elections Committee — *Dr. Lisa Gonzales*

1. **Election of Officers:** Take action to elect the 2007-08 Chair (candidate: Sharon Gustafson) and 2007-08 Vice Chair (candidates: Jill Arnone, Ernest Guzman).
 - a. Chair
By paper ballot; Commissioners' votes announced by staff: ten (10) votes for Gustafson, no abstentions. Sharon Gustafson elected as Chair.
 - b. Vice Chair
By paper ballot; Commissioners' votes announced by staff: nine (9) votes for Arnone; one (1) vote for Guzman; no abstentions. Jill Arnone elected as Vice Chair.

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Council Liaison Report — *Forrest Williams, Councilmember*
- B. Staff Reports — *Kim Walesh; Irene Ray*
- C. City Manager: Mexican Heritage Corp. — *Sharon Gustafson*
- D. Liaison Reports
 1. Airport Commission — *Ernest Guzman*
 2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition — *David Eisbach* **Report presented**
 3. Santa Clara County Office of Education — *Dr. Lisa Gonzales*
 4. ZeroOne San José Festival — *Amul Goswamy*
 5. Arts Council Silicon Valley — *Sharon S. Gustafson* **Report presented**
 6. San José Convention and Visitors Bureau/Team San José — *Michael Martin*

7. First Voice — *Aarti Awasthi*
8. Arts Alliance — *Ruth Tunstall-Grant*
9. Arts and Culture Roundtable, and 1st ACT — *Dennis Martin*

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

X. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.