



CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

MINUTES

Friday, January 26, 2018

Commissioners Present

Janet Poutré, Chair
Vernon Franck, Vice Chair
Ann Bossler
Carlos Cristiani
Tyler Hewes
Ben Meza
Doreen Schonbrun
Rebecca Smith
Jason Whooper

Commissioners Absent

Larry Baza
Michael Brown
Kathi Diamant
Gina M. Jackson
Kirin Macapugay
Laurie Mitchell

Staff Present

Dana Springs
Christine Jones
Anjanette Maraya-Ramey
Whitney Roux
J Noland
Leticia Gomez Franco

Kris Michell, DCOO
Darrin Schwabe, Deputy
Director, Human Resources

I. Call to Order & Statement of Purpose + Vision – Commissioner Janet Poutré called the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture to order at 8:36 a.m. at the City Council Committee Room, 12th Floor, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, California 92101. Commissioner Janet Poutré asked Commissioner Jason Whooper to read aloud the Commission’s statement of purpose and vision.

II. Non-agenda Public Comment

- Peter Kalivas (The PGK Project) commented on the Arts Education Enrichment Initiative.
- Alana Ziter (NTC Foundation) commented on upcoming events at Liberty Station.
- Dalouge Smith (San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory) commented the Arts Education Enrichment Initiative.
- Michael Currey (California Ballet) commented on his new role as Executive Director of California Ballet.
- Anthony LoBue (Veterans Museum) commented on the organization’s development efforts.

Commissioner Janet Poutré called on Executive Director Dana Springs and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Kris Michell. Springs announced her resignation from the position of Executive Director, effective in February or March. Michell thanked Springs and the Commissioners. Michell and Springs acknowledged Chief of Civic Art Strategies, Christine Jones, and introduced Darrin Schwabe, Deputy Director of Human Resources Department, who will be temporarily filling a leadership role for the department to ensure that business continues to run smoothly.

III. Chair’s Reports

- A. Commissioner Speed-Round – Commissioner Janet Poutré invited the Commissioners to share what arts, culture and creative experiences they have had in the past month.
- B. **ACTION – December 15, 2017 Minutes** – Commissioner Vernon Franck made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes of December 15, 2017. Commissioner Tyler Hewes seconded the motion. The vote was 8-0-0; the motion passed.

Yea: Bossler, Franck, Hewes, Meza, Smith, Poutré, Schonbrun, Whooper (8)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

Commissioner Carlos Cristiani arrived.

- C. **ACTION – Appointment of Public Art Committee Community Member** – Commissioner Janet Poutré announced her appointment of Larry Herzog to the Public Art Committee. **Commissioner Vernon Franck made a motion to approve the appointment of Larry Herzog to the Public Art Committee. Commissioner Jason Whooper seconded the motion. The vote was 9-0-0; the motion passed.**

Yea: Bossler, Cristiani, Franck, Hewes, Meza, Smith, Poutré, Schonbrun, Whooper (9)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

- D. **ACTION – Schedule of 2018 Regular Commission Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings** – Commissioner Janet Poutré presented the schedule for 2018 regular Commission meetings and standing committee meetings. **Commissioner Ann Bossler made a motion to approve the following schedule:**

The Commission will meet monthly on the fourth Friday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (January – October) and on the third Friday of the month in November and December (one regular Commission meeting per quarter will be held at a community/neighborhood site).

The Commission's Public Art Committee will meet monthly on the first Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Commission's Advocacy & Outreach Committee will meet monthly on the first Friday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Commission's Policy & Funding Committee will meet monthly on the second Friday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

The Commission's Executive Committee will meet monthly on the second Friday of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Tyler Hewes seconded the motion. The vote was 9-0-0; the motion passed.

Yea: Bossler, Cristiani, Franck, Hewes, Meza, Smith, Poutré, Schonbrun, Whooper (9)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

- E. **2018 Commission Work Plan** – Commissioner Janet Poutré reported that several of the Commission's committees voted to remit the development of their work plans back to staff and an updated work plan for the Commission would be forthcoming next month.
- F. **Commission Visits to City-Funded Non-Profits (a.k.a. Goodwill Visits)** – Commissioner Janet Poutré reported that the list of assignments would be emailed to Commissioners following the meeting.

IV. **Committee Reports** – Commissioner Janet Poutré called on Commissioners Tyler Hewes, Vernon Franck, Jason Whooper and Ann Bossler to give their respective committee reports.

- A. **Advocacy & Outreach Committee** – Commissioner Tyler Hewes, Chair of the Advocacy & Outreach Committee, reported that the January meeting of the committee did not have a quorum, which invalidated some of its actions.
1. **ACTION – Primary Message Points, Target Audiences, Messengers and Schedule for FY19 Budget Advocacy Campaign** – **Commissioner Tyler Hewes made a motion to remit to the committee Chair the task of drafting a letter containing the Commission's message about rejecting any proposed budget cuts and advocating for the full Penny for the Arts target, running it past the**

Commission Chair for edits, then sending it to the Mayor and City Council by February 22, 2018. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

- Melinda Chiment (The Aja Project) commented on CCSD funding.
- Peter Kalivas (The PGK Project) commented on Penny for the Arts.
- Beto Soto (The Aja Project) commented on arts programs for at-risk youth.
- Peter Comiskey (Balboa Park Cultural Partnership) commented on the Commission's advocacy campaign for the FY19 budget cycle.
- Nhu Nguyen (transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project) commented on creative youth development.
- Cat Corral (transcenDANCE Youth Arts Project) commented on creative youth development.

Commissioner Ann Bossler proposed an amendment to the motion that the Commission be given, by the end of business today, the information about which 2% budget cut proposal was submitted to the Mayor by the Executive Director. Commissioner Doreen Schonbrun seconded the amendment to the motion. The vote was 7-2-0; the amendment to the motion passed.

Yea: Bossler, Cristiani, Franck, Hewes, Meza, Smith, Schonbrun (7)

Nay: Poutré, Whooper (2)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

Restated, the amended motion is to remit to the Advocacy & Outreach Committee Chair the task of drafting a letter containing the Commission's message about rejecting any proposed budget cuts and advocating for the full Penny for the Arts target, running it past the Commission Chair for edits, then sending it to the Mayor and City Council by February 22, 2018, and that the Commission be given, by the end of business today, the information about which 2% budget cut proposal was submitted to the Mayor by the Executive Director. The vote was 8-0-1; the amended motion passed.

Yea: Bossler, Cristiani, Franck, Hewes, Meza, Smith, Schonbrun, Whooper (8)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: Poutré (1)

Recusal: (0)

- B. **Public Art Committee** - Commissioner Vernon Franck, Chair of the Public Art Committee, reported that the installations of the public art projects for the Bayside Fire Station and Southcrest Trails Park are underway and expected to be complete this winter; the groundbreaking for the San Ysidro Branch Library, site of an upcoming public art commission, occurred earlier in the month; the public art proposal for the Chollas Water Operations Facility will be on display for public feedback through January 26 at the Oak Park Branch Library; and the public art project, here comes the neighborhood, was featured in the UT's year-end round-up of most compelling visual art projects of 2017.
- C. **Policy & Funding Committee** - Commissioner Jason Whooper, Chair of the Policy & Funding Committee, reported that the process of reviewing funding proposals for the FY19 cycle is underway and on schedule.

Public Comment

- Julie Kendig commented on budgeting for arts education initiatives.

D. Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Ann Bossler, Chair of the Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee, reported that the charter for describing the duties, functions and duration of the ad hoc committee is in development and will be brought forward to the full Commission shortly.

Commissioner Doreen Schonbrun announced that she is planning a social event for Commissioners on February 22, 2018 and invitations will be forthcoming.

V. Executive Director's Reports – Executive Director Dana Springs acknowledged Chief of Civic Art Strategies, Christine Jones, and introduced Darrin Schwabe, Deputy Director of Human Resources Department, who will be temporarily filling a leadership role for the department to ensure that business continues to run smoothly. Schwabe introduced himself and gave welcoming remarks.

Springs reported that Commissioners' 2017 Statements of Economic Interest are due at the beginning of April. She announced that Poetry Out Loud regional finals, sponsored in part by the Commission's grant from the California Arts Council and produced by City contractor, Write Out Loud, will be held at the Central Library on February 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Springs reported that the City's Park & Recreation Department and Library Department are jointly seeking Statements of Qualifications from programming service providers and encouraged the Commission's contractors to apply. She reported that the Independent Budget Analyst's summary of the City's Council's budget priority memos is expected to be announced later this afternoon. She reported that the three incoming Commissioners' appointments are expected to be docketed for City Council ratification in February. She expressed appreciation for outgoing Commissioners Larry Baza, Laurie Mitchell, and Kathi Diamant.

Springs reflected on her tenure at the Commission and thanked Commissioners and staff. She reported that further details about the transition would be provided as available.

Public Comment

- Dalouge Smith (San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory) commented on Springs' tenure.
- Peter Comiskey (Balboa Park Cultural Partnership) commented on Springs' tenure.
- Karen Coutts commented on Springs' tenure.
- Kathryn Kanjo (Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego) on Springs' tenure.

VI. Adjourn – Commissioner Janet Poutré adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.