



CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

MINUTES

Friday, February 23, 2018

Commissioners Present

Janet Poutré, Chair
Larry Baza
Ann Bossler
Michael Brown
Carlos Cristiani
Kathi Diamant
Tyler Hewes
Gina M. Jackson
Ben Meza
Kirin Macapugay
Laurie Mitchell
Doreen Schonbrun
Jason Whooper

Commissioners Absent

Vernon Franck, Vice Chair
Rebecca Smith

Staff Present

Darrin Schwabe
Christine E. Jones
Whitney Roux
J Noland
Leticia Gomez Franco

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- I. Call to Order & Statement of Purpose + Vision – Commissioner Janet Poutré called the City of San Diego (City) Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:44 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 Larry Baza to read aloud the Commission’s statement of purpose and vision.
- II. Non-agenda Public Comment
- Peter Comiskey (Balboa Park Cultural Partnership) commented on the Commission’s advocacy campaign for the FY2019 budget process and Penny for the Arts Blueprint.
 - Kathryn Kanjo (Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego) commented on new dance programming at the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego.
 - John Heiken (Fern Street Circus) commented on service of outgoing commissioners as well as recent media coverage of Fern Street Circus.
 - Lita Levine Kleger (La Jolla Playhouse) commented on Home of the Brave programming at the La Jolla Playhouse.
 - Dalouge Smith (San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory) commented the Arts Education Enrichment Initiative and impact of music programming in schools.
- Commissioner Kirin Macapugay arrived.
- Anjanette Maraya-Ramey (The AJA Project) commented on her new role as Executive Director of the AJA Project.
- III. Chair’s Reports
- A. Update on Executive Director Position – Commissioner Janet Poutré called on Acting Executive Director Darrin Schwabe. Schwabe reported that the recruitment to fill the Executive Director position has been opened by the City. Position is listed on City’s website with a continuous closing date. Efforts have been and continue to be made to ensure a broad outreach. Commissioner Ann Bossler inquired about role of Commission in hiring process for the Executive Director and current number of vacant positions in the department. Schwabe indicated

that the Executive Director position is a Mayoral appointment and that the Commission's interest in being involved in the panel interviews would be communicated to City's leadership. He indicated that there are eight positions in the department, four of which are currently vacant.

- B. **Commissioner Speed-Round** - Commissioner Janet Poutré invited the Commissioners to share what arts, culture and creative experiences they have had in the past month.

Commissioner Janet Poutré also presented Commissioner Laurie Mitchell, Commissioner Kathi Diamant and Commissioner Larry Baza with a proclamation on behalf of the City and thanked them for their service as Commissioners.

- C. **ACTION – January 26, 2018 Minutes** – Commissioner Tyler Hewes made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes of January 26, 2018. Commissioner Jason Whooper seconded the motion. The vote was 13-0-0; the motion passed.

Yea: Baza, Bossler, Brown, Cristiani, Diamant, Hewes, Jackson, Macapugay, Meza, Mitchell, Poutré, Schonbrun, Whooper (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

- D. **ACTION – 2018 Commission Work Plan** - Commissioner Larry Baza made a motion accept the work plan. Commissioner Kirin Macapugay seconded the motion. Commissioners shared their enthusiasm for the work plan, as a living document. The vote was 13-0-0; the motion passed.

Public Comment

- Peter Kalivas (The PGK Project) commented on Commission Work Plan

Yea: Baza, Bossler, Brown, Cristiani, Diamant, Hewes, Jackson, Macapugay, Meza, Mitchell, Poutré, Schonbrun, Whooper (13)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: (0)

Recusal: (0)

- E. **ACTION – Charter for Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee** - Commissioner Ann Bossler made a motion to approve the Commissioner Ad Hoc Committee charter with the following edits:

1. Strike the length of service.
2. Add that non-Commission stakeholders may be invited to speak as special guests at meetings.

Commissioner Laurie Mitchell seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the engagement of non-Commissioners and the committee.

The vote was 9-1-3; the motion passed.

Yea: (9)

Nay: Brown (1)

Abstention: (3)

Recusal: (0)

- 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 on advocacy efforts including a letter sent to Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer on behalf of the Commissioners, media efforts, advocacy script, presentation to the City’s Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and outreach to City Councilmembers.
- Public Comment
- Anjanette Maraya-Ramey (The Aja Project) commented on advocacy efforts in City Heights.
- B. Public Art Committee – None.
- C. Policy & Funding Committee – Commissioner Jason Whooper, Chair of the Policy & Funding Committee, reported that the process of reviewing proposals for the FY19 funding cycle is underway and on schedule, and a recent presentation on cultural and strategic planning as a worthwhile investment and direction for the future of the Commission. Discussion included equity and funding distributions.
- Public Comment
- Anjanette Maraya-Ramey (The Aja Project) commented on equity and diversity.
- D. Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee – Commissioner Ann Bossler, Chair of the Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee, requested that committee assignments and members be revised and confirmed. Chief of Civic Art Strategies, Christine E. Jones, clarified that in accordance with the Commission’s Rules and Regulations committee members are appointed by the Commission Chair and approved by the Commission. Jones indicated that 2018 committee assignments have been made and any changes or additions would require appointment by Commission Chair and approval of the Commission.
- V. Executive Director’s Reports – Acting Executive Director Darrin Schwabe provided an update on the FY2019 budget process, reminded Commissioners to complete their Statement of Economic Interests – Form 700, reported that Commission staff would be sending further instructions to Commissioners on goodwill visit assignments and acknowledged Commission staff and efforts underway to provide support.
- A. Next Steps in the Development of FY19 Departmental Budget – Acting Executive Director Darrin Schwabe reported that the Mayor’s proposed FY2019 budget would be released no later than April 15 and that the Commission would provide recommendations for departmental budget distribution priorities this spring.
- Public Comment
- Anjanette Maraya-Ramey (The Aja Project) commented on budget distribution.
 - Christina Chomut (The Aja Project) commented Aja Project’s impact around the world.
- VI. Adjourn – Commissioner Janet Poutré adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.