



MINUTES

**Regular Commission Meeting
PASACAT, 102 East 16th Street,
National City, CA 91950
Friday, November 21, 2014**

Commissioners Present

Larry Baza, Chair
Carlos Cristiani
Vernon Franck
Joanne Hayakawa
Laurie Mitchell
Janet Poutré

Sharletta Richardson
Doreen Schonbrun
Rebecca Smith
John Venekamp
Sheryl White
Jason Whooper

Commissioners Absent

Macedonio Arteaga, Jr.
Jonathan Bailey
Norma Rodriguez

Chair Larry Baza called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:38 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Baza welcomed Commission members, staff and guests. Baza introduced Anamaria Labao Cabato, Executive Director for PASACAT/Phillipine Performing Arts Company. Cabato welcomed the Commissioners and guests to PASACAT. Baza asked Jason Whooper to read aloud the Commission's statement of purpose.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Celebrating Outgoing, Incoming and Reappointed Commissioners

Baza thanked Robert Gleason for his service as Chair the past year and years of service as a Commissioner. Baza also thanked Dea Hurston for her years of service as a Commissioner. Baza then introduced new Commissioner Jason Whooper, who gave a brief overview of his background. Baza announced that on October 21, 2014 the City Council approved the reappointments of Commissioners Cristiani, Richardson, Rodriguez, Smith and White.

B. Action Item: September 19, 2014 Minutes

Sharletta Richardson **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2014 regular Commission meeting. Janet Poutré seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Action Item: Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair

Baza nominated Sheryl White for the position of Commission Vice-Chair for a term of one year. **The motion passed unanimously.** White was elected by a majority vote of the Commission. White abstained from the vote.

D. Action Item: Endorsement of San Diego-based Candidate for California Arts Council

Dana Springs gave a refresher of the Commission's endorsement process and presented the bio of Navrina Singh, a candidate being considered for appointment to the California Arts Council. Rebecca Smith **made a motion** that the Commission send a letter to the Governor endorsing Navrina Singh to the California Arts Council. Doreen Schonbrun seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

E. Process & Timeline for Annual Committee Review

Baza announced that he will be requesting committee service preferences from Commissioners, reviewing the 2015 committee functions, structures and memberships and officers, making his committee appointments for Commission approval at the December meeting.

F. Process & Timeline for FY16 Budget Development

Baza asked Springs to give an overview of the FY16 Budget Development Process that was distributed to the Commissioners.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. California Arts Council Delegation in China

Springs reported that the California Arts Council (CAC) was invited to participate in a cultural exchange with China in October and the CAC extended the invitation to five major California cities: Santa Monica, San Jose, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. Springs said that she attended as the representative for San Diego. She gave an overview of the purpose of the trip, the areas visited and the outcomes.

B. Public Art Program Administrator Recruitment

Springs reported that the Personnel Department received 121 applications for the position, of which 74 were rejected for not meeting the minimum qualifications. Forty-seven applications were forwarded to the Commission staff for processing. Springs said that she will review the applications and reduce the selection down to ten for an application review panel to review, which will include one community member, one Commissioner and one City representative. This panel will forward their recommendations to the Commission's Executive Director for her final approval.

C. FY14 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration Planning Grants

Springs gave a brief overview of the report distributed to Commissioners regarding the process of seven nonprofits that competed and were awarded grants from the Commission in FY14 to plan special events as part of the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration. The seven organizations include: La Jolla Symphony & Chorus, Mainly Mozart, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla Playhouse, Prophet World Beat Center, San Diego Automotive Museum and San Diego Museum of Man.

D. Goodwill Visit Assignments

Springs distributed the 2015 Goodwill Visit assignments to Commissioners. Springs said that Commissioners could contact the Commission office for assistance with scheduling the visits.

E. San Diego Organization Development Network’s Diversity Seminar

Springs reported that Gary Margolis attended the San Diego Organization Development Network’s Diversity Seminar on behalf of the Commission. Springs reported that Margolis confirmed that the Commission has already implemented many of the suggestions given at the seminar.

F. Other Reports

Springs reported on two new City staff appointments: 1) Cybele Thompson as the new Director of the City’s Real Estate Assets Department and; 2) Amelia Brazell as the new Communications Director. Springs also reported that an announcement of a new Economic Development Director is expected soon.

Springs announced that she was invited to witness, along with a delegation of business leaders and government officials from San Diego and Tijuana, Mayors Kevin Faulconer and Jorge Astiazarán signing a Memorandum of Understanding that builds on the foundation of the *San Diego-Tijuana Sister Cities Agreement*.

Springs gave an overview of the various one-on-one meetings she is having with Councilmembers, Commissioners and the organizations funded by the Commission. She said she will continue with this effort until she has connected with all the organizations.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy Committee:

1. Action Item: Revisions to Rules and Regulations

Baza gave a brief overview of the recommended revisions to the Commission’s Rules and Regulations. Poutré **made a motion** to approve the Policy Committee’s recommended revisions to the structures and functions of the Commission’s committees. Richardson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Public Art Committee: Mitchell requested that consultant Christine Jones give the report. Jones announced that the Commission is seeking applications from qualified artists to provide public art services for Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library Public Art Project. An artist or artist team is sought to design, fabricate and install permanent, site-specific artwork(s) at Mission Hills/Hillcrest Branch Library. The deadline for applications is January 6, 2015.

Jones also announced that the Commission will host an event, “Talk to the Artists – Shape Public Art for Your Library”, on December 4, 2014 at the Skyline Hills Branch Library with artist Gail Simpson.

Jones reported on the completion of the \$73,000 restoration of *Journey to Aztlan* by artists Einar and Jamex de la Torre that was originally installed in 2001 on Harbor Drive.

Jones said that the installation of ten artworks throughout the City Council offices has been completed. The City of San Diego will have these artworks on loan to them for one year from the Mingei International Museum.

Jones announced that the Aztec Brewery Rathskeller Collection has been conserved and will be placed in the Logan Heights Branch Library. Springs said that the December Commission meeting will be held at the Logan Heights Branch Library and will include a tour of the artifacts and reception after the meeting.

C. Cultural Tourism Advisory Committee: Smith reported on the event unveiling nine video shorts spotlighting arts, culture, dining and shopping in each of the Council Districts. The San Diego Tourism Authority and the Commission co-produced the videos featuring the unique arts, culture, shopping and dining in San Diego's diverse neighborhoods. The event was held on November 19, 2014, at SILO in Makers Quarter with over 180 people in attendance. Springs gave an overview of the various uses for the videos and distribution of these videos.

D. Arts Education Advisory Committee: Richardson reported a reminder that the Commission approved the Arts Education Advisory Committee's recommendation to disburse \$100,000 from the Commission's FY15 budget for the following K-12 arts education-related activities: \$40,000 to support the Mayor's after-school programs in 12 city libraries with arts education activities; \$35,000 for micro-grants to support in-school arts education activities; \$15,000 for a consultant to monitor and evaluate all funded activities and to develop an arts education advocacy campaign and; \$10,000 for professional development activities for teachers and teaching artists.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

A. 2014 Theatre Communications Group (TCG) National Convention

No report was made.

B. 2014 Arts Empower Mega Conference

Schonbrun reported on her attendance at the 2014 Arts Empower Mega Conference on October 9, 2014. She said that approximately 400 arts specialists, arts teachers, school administrators, teaching artists and arts partners were in attendance to participate in professional development workshops, networking, and a celebration of arts in schools.

VI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Ginger Porcella, San Diego Art Institute
2. Juliana Morse, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego
3. Drew Cady, Mainly Mozart Festival
4. Whitney Roux, NTC Foundation/Rising Arts Leaders of San Diego
5. Anthony LoBue, Arts for Veterans
6. John Gabriel, San Diego Opera

IX. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Baza adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

GUESTS:

Anamaria Cabato

Anthony LoBue

Drew Cady

John Gabriel

Carin Dufour

Annamarie Maricle

Ginger Porcella

John Highkin

Whitney Roux

Osborn Hurston

Lewis Klein

Christine Lindgren

Juliana Morse

Anjanette Maraya-Ramey

Carly Newman

Karen Valentino

Allsunn Curtin

Lisa Kalal