



MINUTES
Regular Commission Meeting
Urban Corps of San Diego County
3127 Jefferson Street, San Diego, CA 92110
Friday, January 17, 2014

Commissioners Present

Robert H. Gleason, Chair	Laurie Mitchell
Macedonio Arteaga Jr.	Sharletta Richardson
Larry Baza	Norma Rodriguez
Vernon Franck	Doreen Schonbrun
Joanne Hayakawa	John Venekamp
Dea Hurston	

Commissioners Absent

Carlos Cristiani
Lynelle Lynch
Rebecca Smith
Sheryl White

Chair Robert H. Gleason called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:35 a.m. Sharletta Richardson recited the Commission's mission statement.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gleason welcomed Commission members, staff and guests. Gleason introduced Robert Chavez, CEO, Urban Corps of San Diego County. Chavez introduced Chief Operating Officer Anne Bernstein and Executive Assistant Karen Garcia. He then gave a brief presentation about Urban Corps.

II. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER

Gleason introduced the incoming Commissioner Macedonio Arteaga Jr., who gave a brief introduction of himself.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Action Item: December 20, 2013 Minutes

Larry Baza **made a motion** to approve the minutes of December 20, 2013 regular Commission meeting. Sharletta Richardson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. State of the City Address

Gleason thanked the Commissioners who were able to attend the State of the City Address on January 15, 2014. He gave a brief overview the address given by Interim Mayor Todd Gloria.

C. Update on Executive Director Search

Gleason reported that the City's Human Resources Department has received 157 applications for the Executive Director position, 95 of those removed from consideration for not meeting minimum qualifications leaving 62 viable candidates. The Commission supported Gleason's recommendation to have the posting close on January 31, 2014. Gleason said that he is continuing to communicate with the City's Human Resources Department regarding the job search process and the Commissioners' involvement in the process. Gleason asked Commissioners to let him know if they are interested in participating in the process.

D. Other Reports

Gleason announced that he met with the San Diego Cultural Leaders Group to give them an update on the Commission's work.

Gleason reported on the *Arts and Culture Discussion with Mayoral Candidate David Alvarez*, hosted by the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition (Coalition), on January 13, 2014 at The Old Globe Theatre. Discussion included the Commission's Executive Director search, future of the Commission, support of the Penny for the Arts Five-Year Blueprint, support of the Public Art Program's 2% for art in Capital Improvement Projects policy, the Balboa Park 2015 Celebration and utilizing open City space for cultural events/arts organizations. Other Commissioners in attendance also commented on the event. Gleason said the Coalition will schedule the same type of forum with mayoral candidate Kevin Faulconer, date yet to be determined.

Dana Springs gave a brief overview of the following upcoming events:

1. Little Saigon Foundation's invitation to attend the opening ceremony of the 2014 Lunar Tet Festival at Qualcomm on February 1, 2014 at 3:00pm.
2. *Aesthetics & Authenticity* symposium presented by the San Diego International Airport Art Program on March 8, 2014 at 9:00am and March 9, 2014 at 3:30pm.
3. *Collaborating for Success: Nonprofit Facilities & Shared Workspace* regional training class presented by The Nonprofit Centers Network on March 13, 2014 at 9:00am.
4. 3rd Annual Palm Springs Fine Arts Fair on February 14-16, 2014 at the Palm Springs Convention Center.

IV. COMMISSION COMMITTEE AND PANEL APPOINTMENTS

A. Action Item: 2014 Commission Committee Community Member Appointments

Gleason asked Laurie Mitchell to present the community member nominations for the Commission's Public Art Committee. Mitchell **made a motion** to approve the 2014 Commission committee community member appointments to the Public Art Committee. Joanne Hayakawa seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. FY15 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Review Panel Appointments

Gleason asked John Venekamp to present the FY15 OSP and CCSD review panel nominations. Venekamp **made a motion** that all of the individuals identified in the staff recommendations, with the inclusion of Jason Whooper, be approved for FY15 service on an OSP and CCSD review panel and that staff be given the authority to distribute these individuals among the panels as necessary. Dea Hurston seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. STAFF REPORTS

A. Interim Executive Director - Springs announced that the City's Financial Management Department will hold a meeting with the Commission as part of their FY15 Executive Budget Review (EBR). The EBR meetings are an opportunity for departments to discuss their budget, and any budget change requests, with the Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Operating Officer.

Springs reported that she had a conversation with Ashley Lautzenhiser, representative for Rodriguez Strategies, who is working with the California Arts Council (CAC) to develop their new strategic plan which is intended to provide a road map for the CAC over the next three to five years and will reflect the best thinking of CAC staff and Council Members and incorporates input from hundreds of stakeholders throughout the state.

Springs also reported that she held the following meetings:

1. Ron Villa, newly appointed Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the City's Neighborhood Services Department, to give an overview of the Commission's work.
2. Russ Sperling, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator for the San Diego County Office of Education to discuss arts education outreach.
3. Peter Comiskey, Executive Director for the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership to discuss their work and ideas for Balboa Park.

B. Funding Program Manager – Gary Margolis gave a presentation on the panel process and evaluating funding applications. He reported that panel orientations will be held on January 28, 2014 from 10:00am to 12:00pm and on January 29, 2014 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Commission office.

VI. MEMBER REPORTS

A. Goodwill Visits

Margolis distributed a list of arts organizations that have not been visited within the last three years that the Commissioners can volunteer to visit throughout 2014. Gleason suggested that staff work with the Policy Committee Chair Dea Hurston and Goodwill Champion Norma Rodriguez to standardize the procedures for goodwill visits. The following goodwill visits reports were made:

1. Richardson visited the Center for World Music.
2. Mitchell and Hayakawa visited the Patricia Rincon Dance Collective.

B. Other Reports

Mitchell reported that the City of San Diego will be hosting a grand opening event for a new mini park in City Heights on February 3, 2014 at 10:00am. She said that artist Wendell Kling created a public art component for this park under the 2% for art in Capital Improvements Programs policy.

Venekamp reported that Congress approved the Fiscal Year 2014 Omnibus Appropriations bill which includes \$146 million in funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

Venekamp also reported that the California Arts Council (CAC) invited CAC state-local partners and statewide networks grantees to an all day event in Sacramento on February 12, 2014.

Hurston suggested following up with Councilmembers that are fairly new to their seat to reiterate the Commission's mission and funding process now that they are more settled in and may have questions or concerns.

VII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Mark Miner, San Diego Traditional Poetry Society
2. Matt Carney, San Diego Dance Theatre
3. Alison Whitelaw, Mo'olelo Performing Arts Company
4. Tyler Hewes, Mainly Mozart

VIII. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Gleason adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

GUESTS:

Robert Chavez
Anne Bernstein
Karen Garcia
Mark Miner
Matt Carney
Alison Whitelaw
Tyler Hewes
Caren Dufour
Carol Manifold
Loydene Keith
Kacie Desmond
Lynn Bazquez
Joe Mayer
Sheron Dou
Carin Scheinin
Ferdinand Gasang