



MINUTES

**Regular Commission Meeting
Space 4 Art, 325 15th Street
San Diego, CA 92101
Friday, November 15, 2013**

Commissioners Present

Robert H. Gleason, Chair	Lewis Klein
Larry Baza	Lynelle Lynch
Carlos Cristiani	Laurie Mitchell
Vernon Franck	Norma Rodriguez
Joanne Hayakawa	Doreen Schonbrun
Dea Hurston	

Commissioners Absent

Sharletta Richardson
Rebecca Smith
Sheryl White
John Venekamp

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.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Gleason welcomed Commission members, staff and guests. Gleason introduced Robert Leathers, Co-Founder, Space 4 Art. Leathers gave a brief overview of their programming/events. Leathers then introduced his colleagues, who gave a brief overview of their area of expertise: Cheryl Nickel, Co-Founder; and Alisunn Curtin, Arts Administrator.

II. WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS

Gleason introduced incoming Commissioners Carlos Cristiani, Vernon Franck, Lynelle Lynch, Norma Rodriguez and Doreen Schonbrun, who each gave a brief introduction of themselves.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Gleason announced that Commissioner Sheryl White will be hosting a reception at her house on December 12, 2013 celebrating the Commission's past, present and future.

- A. Update on reappointment of Commissioners** – Gleason reported that Commissioners Larry Baza, Joanne Hayakawa, Laurie Mitchell and John Venekamp have each been nominated for reappointment and that Council-member David Alvarez has nominated Macedonio Arteaga Jr. to fill the seat of Commissioner Lewis Klein, who is terming out.

- B. **Update on Executive Director Search** - Gleason reported that the job posting for the Executive Director position is open and Commission staff is advertising with appropriate agencies regarding the job opening. Gleason said that he is communicating with the City's Human Resources Department regarding the job search process and the involvement of Commissioners in that process.
- C. **2014 Committee Appointments/Panels/Goodwill Visits** – Gleason announced that the Commission staff will be sending out 2014 Committee/Panel Preference forms to Commissioners. Gleason reported that committee and panel assignments will be on the December Commission meeting agenda.

IV. **OCTOBER 18, 2013 MINUTES – ACTION ITEM**

Klein **made a motion** to approve the minutes of October 18, 2013 regular Commission meeting. Mitchell seconded the motion. Cristiani, Franck, Lynch, Rodriguez and Schonbrun abstained from the vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

V. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dana Springs introduced Kara West, who has been hired by the Library Department as the new Library Arts and Culture Exhibition Manager. Springs gave a brief overview of West's background.

Springs reported that the Commission is allocating \$5,000 from the Cultural Tourism Promotion line item in the Commission's budget to go towards sponsorship of the June 2014 Theatre Communications Group (TCG) National Convention which will be held in San Diego.

Springs invited Commissioners to attend arts-focused tours of the new Central Library that she is conducting on Friday afternoons. She asked Commissioners to contact Linda Sokol if they would like to take the tour.

Springs reported that she was invited to be a keynote speaker on the topic of art at the library at the Carnegie Society's Annual Tea that was held on November 8, 2013.

Springs also congratulated Commissioner Joanne Hayakawa for her participation in a group exhibition at Helmuth Gallery Projects. She also pointed out that the art of Allison Wiese, an artist and member of the Commission's Public Art Committee, was on display at Space 4 Art.

VI. **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Klein gave a brief overview of the Policy Committee's recommendations regarding the revisions to the Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) FY15 application and guidelines. Gary Margolis gave a powerpoint presentation of the FY15 application and guidelines. The motion by the Policy Committee to recommend to the Commission approval of the online versions of the OSP and CCSD applications was moved forward to the Commission. **The motion passed unanimously.**

VII. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Artwork Acquisition Proposal - Baza gave an overview of the artwork acquisition proposal. The motion was forwarded by the Public Art Committee to recommend to the Interim Executive Director of City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) that the City purchase the painting titled Tone by Gail Roberts for inclusion in the San Diego Public Library Visual Arts Program sub-collection of the Civic Art Collection. Gleason and Hayakawa recused themselves from the vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY13 Year End Report/14 Mid-Year Report - The FY13 Year End Report/14 Mid-Year Report was moved to the December 20, 2013 Commission meeting.

VIII. MEMBER REPORTS

A. Goodwill Visits

Gleason asked Commission staff to circulate the list for goodwill visits to Commissioners so that they can sign up for any organizations who have not yet been visited. Gleason also asked Commissioners to consider volunteering to oversee the goodwill visits since former Commissioner Garet Clark, who was doing this, termed out. Margolis said that he would be happy to accompany Commissioners on their goodwill visits.

B. Other Reports

Gleason thanked Commissioner Dea Hurston for her dedicated commitment and time in finding Commission meeting locations in each of the City Council districts. Hurston announced that the Commission is looking for locations for 2014 and that if any organizations would like to host a meeting they should contact either Sokol or herself.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Margolis reported that the Commission's Funding Committee recommended that the \$375,000 allocated in the Commission's budget for planning grants related to the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial be awarded to nine arts and culture organizations. Margolis said that he is still waiting on verification from each of the groups. Margolis also reported that Autonomy, a consultant group hired by Balboa Park Centennial Inc. for the programming of the celebration, held a workshop for the arts community on November 6, 2013. Margolis gave an overview of Autonomy's programming agenda to date.

X. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Diane Salisbury, La Jolla Symphony & Chorus
2. Tyler Hewes, Mainly Mozart
3. Carin Scheinin, San Diego Women's Chorus
4. Caren Dufour, The PGK Dance Project

XI. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

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

GUESTS:

Robert Leathers

Cheryl Nichel

Alisunn Curtin

Kara West

Diane Salisbury

Tyler Hewes

Carin Scheinin

Caren Dufour

Carol Manifold

Kathryn Martin

Kacie Desmond

Lynn Basquez

Annamarie Maricle

Mark Miller