



MINUTES
Regular Commission Meeting
San Diego State University, PSFA-200
5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182
Friday, October 18, 2013

Commissioners Present

Vicki Reed, Chair
Larry Baza
Garet Clark
Robert Gleason
Joanne Hayakawa
Dea Hurston

Lewis Klein
Laurie Mitchell
Sharletta Richardson
Colette Carson Royston
Rebecca Smith
Sheryl White

Commissioners Absent

Judy McDonald
John Venekamp

Chair Vicki Reed called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:30 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Vicki Reed welcomed Commission members, staff and guests. Vicki introduced Joyce Gattas, Dean of the College of Professional Studies & Fine Arts at SDSU. Joyce gave a brief overview of their programming/events. Joyce then introduced her colleagues, who said gave a brief overview of their area of expertise: Donna Conaty, Associate Dean (formerly the Director of the School of Music and Dance); Charles Friedrichs, Director of the School of Music and Dance; D.J. Hopkins, Director of the School of Theatre, Television and Film and; Kotaro Nakamura, Director of the School of Art and Design.

Vicki also introduced Congressman Scott Peters. Congressman Peters thanked the Commission for their continued leadership and work to promote and strengthen the arts and culture community in San Diego. He also thanked Vicki Reed for her service as Chair of the Commission. Congressman Peters is also interested in hearing from arts and culture organizations to keep informed on events taking place in San Diego.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Election of Chair – Vicki Reed reported that Commissioner Robert Gleason was nominated to serve as Chair at the last Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee unanimously approved this nomination to move forward to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Colette Carson Royston **made a motion** to approve the nomination of Robert Gleason as Chair. Commissioner Larry Baza seconded the motion. Robert Gleason recused himself from the discussion and vote. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Update on Rotation of Commissioners - Chair Vicki Reed announced that the five new Commissioners have been nominated by City Council to replace termed-out Commissioners Vicki Reed, Garet Clark, Judy McDonald, Colette Carson Royston, along with Lorin Stewart, who resigned this past year. The nominees are: Carlos Cristiani, Vernon Franck, Lynelle Lynch, Norma Rodriguez and Doreen Schonbrun. Vicki reported that the City Council will consider these nominations for ratification at the October 28, 2013 City Council meeting.

Vicki also announced that Commissioners John Venekamp, Larry Baza, JoAnne Hayakawa and Laurie Mitchell are up for reappointment which will go before City Council next month. Commissioner Lewis Klein's term will be ending as soon as a replacement is nominated and ratified by City Council.

3. Update on Executive Director Search - Vicki reported that the Executive Director position has been reopened and is posted on the City's website. She said that she spoke with the Human Resources representative about having Commissioners involved in the search process. Vicki said that the date for closing the search process has not been decided.

She also reported that the first mayoral debate, sponsored by the Logan Heights Family Health Center, was held on September 27, 2013 and was attended by several arts and culture representatives. Alan Ziter said that the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition is coordinating a mayoral forum to be held on December 16, 2013 at The Old Globe Theatre and will be open to the public.

III. SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 MINUTES – ACTION ITEM

Commissioner Dea Hurston **made a motion** to approve the minutes of September 20, 2013 regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Larry Baza seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dana Springs announced that the new Central Library is now open and several media sources has been covering the event – KPBS is running radio spots, Robert Pincus is writing an article for *San Diego Magazine*, the L.A. Times has a photo slideshow of the art components of the library and there is a documentary being developed documenting the construction of the library. Dana reported that she is giving arts-focused tours of the library every Friday afternoon until the middle of December 2013.

She also announced that Kara West has been hired by the Library Department to run the visual arts program, she succeeds Mark Elliott Lugo.

Dana reported that the San Diego Architectural Foundation hosted the 2013 Orchids and Onions Awards Ceremony in early October. Dana congratulated that the San Diego Regional Airport Authority on receiving an Orchid for their public artworks. She gave a brief overview of the other nominations/winners for Orchid and Onion awards.

Dana also reported that Interim Mayor Todd Gloria presided at the press conference that was held in early October by the San Diego Tourism Authority at the Natural History Museum to announce the San Diego Museum Council's *Kids Free in October* program.

Dana announced that Walt Ekard, Chief Operating Officer for the City, is leaving his position at the end of October 2013. She also reported that Interim Mayor Gloria is working with the Chief Operating Officer on the reorganization of City departments which will affect the reporting structure for the Commission for Arts and Culture.

V. FUNDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Vicki Reed reported that the committee has developed a plan for ten arts and culture organizations that received the committee's approval to receive the disbursement of the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration planning grants. She said the committee advised Commission staff to continue talks with Balboa Park Celebration Inc. on how to move forward with the celebration planning.

VI. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Larry Baza distributed the new Central Library Public Art Press Kits.

The FY13 Year End Report has been moved to the November 15, 2013 Commission meeting.

VII. MEMBER REPORTS

A. Goodwill Visits

The following goodwill visit reports were made:

1. Sharletta Richardson visited the San Diego Women's Chorus.
2. Laurie Mitchell and JoAnne Hayakawa visited the Mojalet Dance Collective and the Patricia Rincon Dance Company.

B. Other Reports

Commissioner Robert Gleason announced that the San Diego Airport Authority will be rescheduling the arts and culture symposium, *Aesthetics & Authenticity*, that was going to be held on October 12-13, 2013 at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

Gary Margolis reported that he is continuing to work with Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF), a regional nonprofit arts service organization, who will be the provider for the new on-line application process. Gary also reported that the Policy Committee will be meeting in November to discuss the Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) FY15 application and guidelines.

At this time, Vicki Reed turned over her duties to the new Chair Robert Gleason. Robert thanked Vicki for a decade of service to the Commission and her leadership as Chair. He also thanked Colette Carson Royston for her term as Chair, previous to Vicki Reed. He also thanked Garet Clark, Colette Carson Royston and Judy McDonald for their years of service as Commissioners.

IX. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Carin Scheinin, San Diego Women's Chorus
2. Krishan Oberoi, Sacra/Profana
3. Caren Dufour, The PGK Dance Project
4. Alan Ziter, NTC Foundation and the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition
5. Tyler Hewes, Mainly Mozart
6. Victoria Hamilton, The Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation
7. Michael Rosenberg, La Jolla Playhouse

X. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

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

GUESTS:

Scott Peters
Sarah Czarnecki
Victoria Hamilton
Carin Scheinin
Krishan Oberoi
Caren Defour
Alan Ziter
Tyler Hewes
Michael Rosenberg
Erin Decker
Laurel Withers
Kate Morris Curtin
Alana Lewis
Kathryn Martin
Alisunn Curtin
Carol Manifold
Alexandra Kritchovsky
Sharon LeeMaster