



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**February 21, 2024, 1 PM
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 302, San Diego, CA 92101**

MEETING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ladan Akbarnia
Jim Gilliam
Monica Hernandez
Jennifer Jeffries
Michael Kozma
Bob Lehman
Lucas O'Connor
Sharlene O'Keefe
Rénee Richetts
Felicia Shaw
Ada Shido

Absent:

Jay Bell

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 17, 2024

ACTION: Moved by Hernandez, seconded by O'Connor– approved the minutes for the January 17, 2024 meeting.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Lucas O'Connor, Sharlene O'Keefe, Rénee Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

OPPOSED: none

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Arts and Economic Prosperity 6

Shared information on some major statistics that came from the study:

- 226 nonprofit organizations (1/3 of the number in the region)
- 1.4 billion
- 19,771 jobs
- No numbers were extrapolated (so all information is the impact of only those 226 nonprofit organizations)

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- An online calculator is available that nonprofits can use to estimate their impact.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Review Draft Strategic Plan
 - The same facilitators that did the retreat will facilitate the stakeholder session, which will be virtual.
 - List of stakeholders will be shared with entire Commission so people can make sure there's district representation and recommend any others.

6. SUBCOMMITTEE/PROJECT FORMATION AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Public Art
 - Subcommittee can work on guidance/review/suggestions on current process
 - Ensure process is more transparent
 - Update on existing public art projects in the works
 - Accountability for the dollars going to public art

ACTION: Moved by Gilliam, seconded by Richetts, form a Public Art Subcommittee and appoint Richetts, O'Keefe, Gilliam, Akbarnia, and O'Connor.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Lucas O'Connor, Sharlene O'Keefe, Rénee Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

OPPOSED: none

- b. Potential Grant Program

Shaw gave a brief description of a possible public-private partnership with Conrad-Prebys Foundation for a grant program where the Foundation would match funds put forth by the County. Gilliam to work with Shaw on a draft proposal, and updates to be given to the entire Commission at following meetings.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES REGARDING ART AT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

None

8. STAFF REPORT

Update on youth commissioner appointment – interviews happening and then waiting for CAO approval.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORT

- Dia de la Mujer – March 9 – D1/TJ – World Design Capital
- Ramona public art
- April – Arts, Culture & Creativity month – April 5 – SDRACC UC Park & Market – new brand/name/logo
 - Lehman and Richetts to work on County event regarding Strategic Plan
- February is the 35th museum month
- Tues April 16 - State arts and culture summit

10. ADJOURNMENT