



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**March 20, 2024, 1 PM**

**County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave., Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 1:03 PM.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Jay Bell

Jim Gilliam

Jennifer Jeffries

Michael Kozma

Bob Lehman

Lucas O'Connor

Sharlene O'Keefe

Felicia Shaw

Ada Shido

Absent:

Ladan Akbarnia

Monica Hernandez

Rénee Richetts

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2024 (Attachment A)**

ACTION: Moved by O'Keefe, seconded by Jeffries, approved the minutes for the February 21, 2024 meeting.

AYES: Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Lucas O'Connor, Sharlene O'Keefe, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

OPPOSED: none

**4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Affordable Housing for Artists
  - i. Assembly Bill 812 passed in October 2023. In sum, it allows for affordable housing for artists, similar to those for seniors and veterans.
  - ii. Giang is meeting with Housing and Community Development Services in early April to discuss implementation/County related efforts.

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- iii. For future reference, per Board Policy (A-74, Sec. C.12) regarding BCC authority regarding legislation
  1. if there is a bill of interest to the Commission, they can vote to write a letter to ask EDGA's director to support/oppose it. The director will inform the Board of Supervisor's Commission's recommendation and department stance on it, or Chief Administrative Officer can place it on a future Board agenda.
  2. Also, general legislative program process, open for public input in Sept/Oct, with a virtual public input session
- iv. The Commission would be interested in a briefing with more details on the bill and the process to establish local cultural districts.

- Review Final Draft Strategic Plan

ACTION: Moved by O'Keefe, seconded by Lehman, to approve the strategic plan subject to the subcommittee being allowed to make non-substantive changes.

AYES: Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Jennifer Jeffries, Michael Kozma, Bob Lehman, Lucas O'Connor, Sharlene O'Keefe, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido

OPPOSED: none

**5. SUBCOMMITTEE/PROJECT FORMATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

- Public Art Subcommittee first meeting to be determined based on staff availability and will be a chance to review existing documents and processes.
  - I. Next meeting will be with consultants
- Grant project
  - I. Opportunity for public-private partnership, need to make a proposal
  - II. NRP/CE has limitations on giving to individual artists
  - III. Pilot project for 24-25 year
- Strategic Plan Launch
  - I. April 25 is likely date, awaiting confirmation
  - II. 1 year formation of commission
  - III. Present strategic plan

**6. APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES REGARDING ART AT PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

None

**7. STAFF REPORT**

- Recommendation for new youth commissioner is going forward on the April 9 Board meeting.
  - April will be their first official meeting.
  - Juliet Rodriguez is recommended, hired by City of Oceanside as arts specialist overseeing California Cultural District.

**8. COMMISSIONER REPORT AND ASSIGNMENTS**

- Oceanside relaunched its grant program
- April 6 – teaching artists is having a grand opening event in La Jolla
- March 8 – Sharlene spoke with AERO – group of nonprofit arts education organizations
- April 16 – California Arts and Culture Summit in Sacramento

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- Tijuana launch in World Design Capital in past weekend
- Bob Lehman and Renee Richetts attended South and East County Arts Network meeting
- Museum Month just ended – 110,000 people attended
- Visited Holocaust Exhibit in Rancho San Diego Library
- La Mesa Council is looking for people to talk about arts and culture creativity month
- Opening night for international watercolor show in Fallbrook
- Museum of Contemporary Art – downtown site got flooded; is going to close and sell it, which means many performing artists will lose rehearsal space
- SDRACC has event on April 5 from 9-11 at UCSD Park and Market

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.