



**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**