



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**December 18, 2024, 1 PM
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 207A, San Diego, CA 92101**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:04 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Ladan Akbarnia

Jay Bell

Jim Gilliam

Monica Hernandez

Jennifer Jeffries

Bob Lehman

Renée Richetts

Felicia Shaw

Ada Shido

Juliet Rodriguez

Absent:

Lucas O'Connor

Sharlene O'Keefe

Annaleece Wakefield

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Frischer thanked Commission for all their work in the past year and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

3. APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2024

ACTION: Moved by Richetts, seconded by Hernandez, approve the minutes for the November 20, 2024 meeting.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Renée Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido, Juliet Rodriguez

OPPOSED: none

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Public Health Lab Art Presentation

Gail Goldman (public art consultant), Eric (from the general contractor), Dr. Jeremy Corrigan (public health lab director), and the artists – YC Kim, Jason Lane, and the De La Torre brothers came to give a preview of the public art at the new public health lab building. Dr. Corrigan gave an overview of what the public health does. Gail went over the

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process for this public art project. Then, each artist presented their inspiration and a preview of the pieces they created. Presentation attached at end of minutes.

b. Budget Briefing Updates

Each district appointed Commissioner gave a brief update on their efforts to contact and brief their Supervisor. It was determined that further detail on the budget will be needed, as well as a link to how a budget request could generate or save revenue.

c. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

ACTION: Moved by Richetts, seconded by Hernandez, appoint Jim Gilliam as chair and Bob Lehman as vice-chair for the 2025 year.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Renée Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido, Juliet Rodriguez

OPPOSED: none

d. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Discussion on how often and when Commission should meet in 2025, to be revisited in April.

ACTION: Moved by Shaw, seconded by Hernandez, set the 2025 Commission meetings to be the third Friday of every other month, starting in February, at 1 PM.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jay Bell, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Renée Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido, Juliet Rodriguez

OPPOSED: none

e. February Retreat Date

Standing Committee to meet on January 16 at 1 PM to start planning.

5. COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE/PROJECT FORMATION, APPOINTMENTS, AND REPORTS

a. Strategic Planning

No updates.

b. Budget

Meeting set for January 8 at 11 AM.

ACTION: Moved by Richetts, seconded by Akbarnia, appoint Jay Bell to the subcommittee.

AYES: Ladan Akbarnia, Jim Gilliam, Monica Hernandez, Jennifer Jeffries, Bob Lehman, Renée Richetts, Felicia Shaw, Ada Shido, Juliet Rodriguez

OPPOSED: none

c. Public Art Program

Quick synopsis of the public art practitioner input session and the value of information gathered. Data to be summarized and discussed at the next public art subcommittee meeting.

d. Local Arts Agency Network

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Orientation meeting occurred on December 17, and first in person meeting to occur on January 22 at the Mingei Museum over the topic of cultural policy. Commissioners to be invited to audit. Schedule of topics for the entire year to be shared.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC ART PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

None

7. STAFF REPORT

Two board letters of relevance in the Board of Supervisors meeting in December. The first was one promoting the creation of a business improvement district in National City and includes mention of promoting Filipino art and culture with the help of an arts agency. The second is the addition in the legislative program to ...

Also, as the need was mentioned by multiple members of the public, we will be looking into showcasing the County's public art collection on the website in an accessible way.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- January 23 at 3 PM – Museum Council has an event at the Soap Factory
- San Diego ART Matters to have a summit to hear from the arts and culture sector. Some members of the Commission to be invited.
- Special Exhibit at Museum of Art closing January 5.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.