

# San José Arts Commission

## Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2007

**Location:** City Hall Room W118  
200 East Santa Clara St  
San José, CA

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m. with a quorum present

II. ROLL CALL

**Commissioners present:** Jill Arnone, Aarti Awasthi, David Eisbach, Dr. Lisa Gonzales, Sharon Gustafson, Ernest Guzman, Dennis Martin, Michael Martin, Steve McCray, Patricia Borba McDonald, Ruth Tunstall-Grant

**Commissioners absent:** Douglas Beach, Amul Goswamy

**Staff present:** Office of Economic Development – Kim Walesh; Cultural Affairs – Irene Ray, Lawrence Thoo, Barbara Goldstein, Joe Rodriguez, Lynn Rogers, JenJoy Roybal, Mary Rubin, Brooke Jones; City Manager’s Office – Mignon Gibson; City Attorney – Barbara Jordan

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Forrest Williams

III. INTRODUCTIONS

**Frank Czyz, former Arts Commissioner**

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of May 9, 2007

**M/S/C (Guzman/Gonzales): To approve the minutes as submitted.**

V. AGENDA REVIEW

**Item VI. – Chair’s Report – moved to end of meeting agenda.**

VI. CHAIR’S REPORT — *Steve McCray*

**Commendations** Time Certain 5:35 p.m.

Special recognition of two City employees for their exceptional contributions to the success of public art projects in the City — *Steve McCray, Ruth Tunstall-Grant*

**Commendations presented, on behalf of Mayor and City Council, by Councilmembers Nora Campos and Forrest Williams. Honorees: JenJoy Roybal,**

**Public Art Project Manager, Office of Cultural Affairs; and Ben Gonzales,  
Department of Public Works.**

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Program Committee — *Sharon Gustafson, Chair*

Chair's Report

**Report presented**

1. **Operating Grants — Mexican Heritage Corp:** Recommend that the City Manager negotiate and execute a FY 2007-08 Operating Grant agreement with Mexican Heritage Corporation in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of its final grant reference amount, which will be finalized following the confirmation by MHC of its FY 2005-06 total operating expenses.

**M/S/C (Gustafson/McDonald; Arnone recusing due to a conflict of interest regarding Mexican Heritage Corporation): To accept the recommendation.**

2. **Arts Education Program Assessment:** Accept the consultant's report on her independent assessment of the Office of Cultural Affairs' arts education programs — *presentation and questions, Victoria J. Saunders, consultant*

**M/S/C (Guzman/Arnone) To accept the report and refer it back to the Programs Committee for recommendations on next steps.**

B. Public Art Committee — *Ruth Tunstall-Grant, Chair*

Chair's Report

**Report presented**

1. **Public Art Committee Recommendations:** Report on the following recommendations approved by the Public Art Committee in April and May — *Barbara Goldstein*

- i. **Pre-qualified Artist Pool:** 139 new artists. (Citywide)
- ii. **Fire Station 36:** artists Franka Diehnelt and Claudia Reisenberger for an amount not to exceed \$18,000. (Council District 8)
- iii. **Solari/Seventrees:** artist Topher Delaney for an artwork for an amount not to exceed \$37,500. (Council District 7)
- iv. **Police Substation:** artist Thomas Sayre for an amount not to exceed \$340,000. (Council District 2)
- v. **Frontier Village:** artist Jon Rubin for an amount not to exceed \$15,000. (Council District 2)
- vi. **Santa Teresa Branch Library:** schematic design and design development by artist Beatrice Coron. (Council District 2)
- vii. **Joyce Ellington Branch Library:** increase the fabrication budget for artist Lucy Liew in the amount of \$5,000. (Council District 3)
- viii. **Art & Technology:** lighting City Hall.
- ix. **Public Art Budget**
- x. **Mayfair Community Center:** artist Fernanda D'Agostino for an amount not to exceed \$195,400.

**Report presented**

- C. Executive Committee — *Dennis Martin, Chair*  
Chair's Report  
**Report presented**

VIII. REPORTS

- A. Council Liaison Report — *Forrest Williams, Councilmember* **Report presented**
- B. Staff Reports  
Discussion of recruitment process for new Deputy Director position — *Kim Walesh*  
**Report presented**
- C. City Manager: Mexican Heritage Corp. — *Sharon Gustafson*
- D. Liaison Reports
  1. Airport Commission — *Ernest Guzman*
  2. Silicon Valley Arts Coalition — *David Eisbach*
  3. Santa Clara County Office of Education — *Dr. Lisa Gonzales*
  4. ZeroOne San José Festival — *Amul Goswamy*
  5. Arts Council Silicon Valley — *Sharon S. Gustafson*
  6. San José Convention and Visitors Bureau/Team San José — *Michael Martin*
  7. First Voice — *Aarti Awasthi*
  8. Arts Alliance — *Ruth Tunstall-Grant*
  9. Arts and Culture Roundtable, and 1<sup>st</sup> ACT — *Dennis Martin*

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

X. COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

**Commissioner Guzman – notes Opera San Jose Sing-Off; presentation of the Beehive**

**Councilmember Williams – thanks Commissioners for bringing Arts Commission to a different level of visibility; save the date for Monday Night Live at The Stage June 25**

**Commissioner Arnone – thanks to Commissioner McCray for his leadership**

**Steve Austin, Lyric Theatre – reports on successful response to fiscal crisis without City assistance; announces 100<sup>th</sup> production (HMS Pinafore) and reception on June 23**

**Commissioner Gonzales – save the date for annual leadership event September 20**

**Commissioner Tunstall-Grant – save the date for Children's Shelter dedication of Surreal House June 28**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.**

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