

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, August 18, 2022
Elk Grove City Hall Campus
8380 Laguna Palms Way

1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Art Commission was called to order by Chair Nan Mahon at 6:35 PM on August 18, 2022.

Present: Nan Mahon, Cheryl Griess, Sally Guttridge, Liz Irons and Leslie Sandefur.

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura; Christopher Jordan (City of Elk Grove); Jason Hill (SHR Studios); Keith McClintock (SHR Studios); Andrew Leach (SHR Studios); and Susan Murray (SHR Studios).

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

3.1 Christopher Jordan introduced SHR Studios, the design firm hired for the Zoo Project. SHR Studios presented a general overview of public art concepts at zoos around the world. Commissioners discussed the presentation regarding public art for the Zoo Project. Commission comments included: loading/unloading zones; general accessibility; lighting; and transportation within the zoo. Overall, the Commissioners enjoyed the presentation and were excited to hear about this future project.

3.2 Approval of minutes from July 21, 2022. These minutes were approved as presented.

3.3 Lana Yoshimura provided an update on the Commission budget. Current balance is \$44,364.39. Ms. Yoshimura provided a rough estimate that there will be \$25,000 left for 2023 after expending money for the planned projects including the Fire Poppy mural (\$3,500), Cabaret in March (\$10,000), and Iris Awards (\$6,000). Commissioners discussed spending this on a public art piece somewhere in the City of Elk Grove. They decided to identify a location in the City and then continue from there.

3.4 Ms. Yoshimura presented a final draft for the Art Commission's Presentation to the City Council on September 28, 2022. Final draft was approved by all, and Ms. Mahon and Ms. Yoshimura will meet to finalize the script for the presentation.

4) REGULAR AGENDA ACTIONS ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 4.1. Public Art Projects

4.1.1 Oasis Park – Footings for the sculpture have been poured and installation will be this Fall.

4.1.2 Old Town Plaza – Artist Stephen Fairfield replied to Commissioner’s request to replacing the miner with a farmer in the piece. He was OK with that change.

Item 4.2 Commission Projects

4.2.1 Trail Signage project- No update.

4.2.2 Mural on Fire Poppy

4.2.2.1 To be painted August 19 and 20. Ms. Irons suggested that it be posted somewhere that this idea was brought to the Commission’s attention by a local resident regarding the situation.

4.2.3. Discuss Commission Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-23

4.2.3.1 Beer and Ballet event – Ms. Guttridge informed the Commissioners she had a conversation with a Ballet representative regarding this idea. Ms. Guttridge suggested cost to be between \$5K to \$15K and would use their second string ballet group. The event could be held in the District56 Hall. Ms. Yoshimura will send Ms. Guttridge the stage size to ensure the venue is appropriate. Given the timeline, it would probably work better for 2024.

Mural on Union Pacific Container near Old Town Plaza. – Mrs. Irons is continuing with her efforts to get a connection with someone regarding this proposed project.

Item 4.3 Events

4.3.1 Cabaret Event – Sat. March 11, 2023


4.3.2.1 The Commissioner’s discussed different options and liked Ms. Mahon’s suggested theme, “Smoky Joe’s Café.” She will come up with scenario options and Commissioner’s will think of songs to be discussed at next month’s meeting.

5) COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

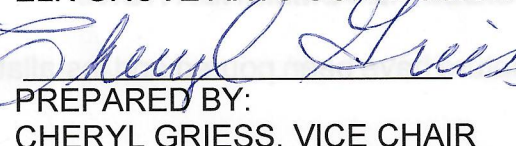
5.1 There was continued discussion regarding Ms. Mahon’s suggestion to have donated upright pianos available around town at different businesses for the public to play music for free. It was suggested to have contest for artists to decorate them. She will contact the Davis Arts Council regarding their similar project to acquire details.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Ms. Mahon. The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, September 15 with Ms. McGill attending as Ms. Yoshimura will be out of town.



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