

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 22, 2024
Council Chambers
8400 Laguna Palms Way**

1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Art Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Cheryl Griess at 6:31PM on February 22, 2024.

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

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura, Christopher Jordan, and Shelly Willis

2) PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

3.1 Minutes from the January 25, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Liz Irons moved to approve the minutes as presented. Leslie Sandefur seconded the motion and minutes were approved as presented.

3.2 Lana Yoshimura provided an update on the commission budget. The Commission budget is currently \$23,562.37.

There is an estimated budget of \$17,300 for the Blues Festival in July with \$13,800 already spent on facility rental, security, sound technician, and entertainment. The Commission expressed some concerns on the cost of the Festival and would like to consider increasing ticket pricing to help increase revenue.

4) REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SUBJECT: Public Art Program for Elk Grove Zoo – Shelly Willis, City Art Consultant, and Christopher Jordan, City Director of Strategic Planning and Innovation, shared the final Zoo Art Plan with the Commission. The final plan includes the selection process approved by the Commission on September 21, 2023 and the locations approved on November 30, 2023.

The zoo art budget changed slightly based on new construction estimates. The budget still follows the 2% percent for the arts policy. The new budget is:

- Entrance Piece \$900,000

- Green Corridor	\$500,000
- Play Area	\$284,000
o Subtotal	\$1,684,000
- Admin Costs	\$421,000
- TOTAL:	\$2,105,000

The Commission was asked if they want the call for artists to be National or International. After some discussion, the Commission decided on an International call for artists as artists from the regions the zoo animals come from might have a greater vision for those environments and they don't want to limit the artists that might apply by geography.

With those changes, the Art Commission voted to approve the Zoo Art Plan unanimously and are excited for this process to begin.

4.2 SUBJECT: Public Art Plan for New Elk Grove Library – City Staff continues to work with the project team on the public art for the library including relocating the Arther Stern Stained Glass piece.

4.3 SUBJECT: Public Art Projects

4.3.1 Old Town Plaza Sculpture – Ms. Yoshimura reported Stephen Fairfield, the artist, had an accident recently and the kick off meeting scheduled for Feb 20th had to be postponed.

4.4 SUBJECT: Commission Projects

4.4.1 Trail Signage Proposal Update - No update at this time.

4.4.2 Plinth for Music Sculpture – No update at this time

4.4.3 Repair of Utility Box Wrap at Lotz/Big Horn – No update at this time.

4.4.4 “Welcome Mural” Request – The Commission received a request from a resident to implement a “Welcome Mural” that is popular in areas for people to take “selfies” in front of. They reviewed the request at the January 18th meeting at which time, Markos Egure, ARTners, offered to create a rendering for them to consider and the item was tabled until the February 22nd meeting.

Mr. Egure was able to create a rendering of the mural on various locations in Elk Grove that he thought would be inviting. The Commission expressed appreciation for his work but opted not to pursue the “Welcome Mural” at this time.

4.5 SUBJECT: Events

4.5.1 Blues in the Grove July 21, 2024 – Ms. Yoshimura distributed the draft flyer for the event. The Commission made edits and suggestions which will be sent to the City's Graphics Division to update the flyer.

City Staff is working on contracts for the following performers: Mick Martin and his band, Bob Jones & the Chosen Few, Zydeco Flames, Annie Sampson, and Pappa Day.

The site for the event will be the Main Hall at the Center at District56. Initially they considered the Avenue (outdoor space) but have declined to pursue that option due to cost.

5) COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS


- Ms. Yoshimura reported the School of Rock has decided to host their Summer Showcase at a different location, so the Commission's sponsorship is not needed at this time.

REMINDERS:

- Next Commission meeting is on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM by Vice Chair Griess.


CHERYL GRIESS, VICE CHAIR
ELK GROVE ARTS COMMISSION


PREPARED BY:

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