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Edward Sweeney	District 4	
Sam Stewart, Chair	District 5	
Pauline Fong	District 5	



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the San Mateo County Arts Commission
Monday, September 6 2019 — 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
400 County Center – Board of Supervisors Conference Room
Redwood City CA 94063

1. ROLL CALL – Roll call and introduction of guests

All Commissioners are present, with the exception of Richard Rojo (absent with notice).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT to allow the public to address the Commission on any matter not on the agenda. If your subject is not on the agenda, the Chair will recognize you at this time. Speakers are customarily limited to two minutes. A sign is required.

3. ACTION TO SET AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration and adoption of minutes of the March 15, May 15, and July 17, 2019 meetings:

Commissioner Heise moved to adopt March, May and July minutes; Pauline seconded. Motion passed unanimously

B. Accept staff and Commissioner reports (included in agenda packet)

Commissioner McHugh moved to accept; Commissioner Harini seconded. Motion passed unanimously:

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Vice Chair for San Mateo County Arts Commission:

Commissioners Fong and Krishnan presented candidate statements; Chair Steward called for a vote. The vote was 5 votes for Harini Krishnan (Commissioners Stone, McHugh, Sweeney, Krishnan, Seymour) and 1 (Commissioner Fong for herself.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Strategic arts/culture plan draft plan discussion with ArtsMarket, consultant:

- Louise Stephens asked Commissioners for questions/feedbacks re: the two surveys – the nonprofits survey and the public survey. Arts organizations survey: Commissioner Stone was concerned that the number of arts are grantees, which can shade the results. Director Rodricks asked ArtsMarket to note such.



- Louise Stevens pointed out that the public, and even Supervisors, don't fully understand the constraints under which the organizations operate.
- Commissioner Fong pointed out that the many small arts organizations do not actively advocate.
- Ms. Stevens stated that the way a Commission responds is with policies and programs.
- Commissioner. Krishnan stated the public cares more about public art than the artists.
- Juda Tolmasoff indicated that Measure K funding has a substantial amount for affordable housing.
- Commissioner Krishnan says if the County supports public art, it sends a valuable message.
- Make sure that the Supervisors understand the policies of the Commission and strategic plan.
- Commissioner Krishnan wants visibility and advocacy for arts.
- Commissioner McHugh thinks it's best to focus on a few things.
- Louise Stevens asks the Commissioners to read grants and public policy grant.
- Commissioner Fong does not see an Equity Statement/Policy.
- Commissioner Stone would like to see equity grants and would like to discuss eligibility requirements.

Chair Stewart will send a doodle for an October meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT