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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 15, 2019 — 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

455 County Center, Conference Room 402, Redwood City CA 94063

MINUTES

1. 1:00 **Roll Call** – Roll Call and introduction of guests.

Present: Commissioners Sam Stewart, Harini Krishnan, Edward Sweeney, Stephen Seymour, Kimberly Gordon, Laura McHugh, Richard Rojo; Elizabeth Stone.

Excused Absences: Commissioners Pauline Fong and Jeanne Heise; Boris Koodrin, County Galleries Curator.

Members of the public: Susie Payton and Sheila Ceparo of the Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation.

2. **Agenda Amendments:** none.

3. **Oral Communications:** none.

4. **Consideration of Minutes** of December 18, 2019 meeting

- Commissioner McHugh moved to adopt the minutes; Commissioner Seymour seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

5. **Reports**

A. Staff reports

JUDA TOLMASOFF, staff:

- Suggested to Commissioners they use their contacts/network to partner on promotions like the *Bravemaker* film series to help the Commission gain recognition.
- See Juda for parking placards.

ROBIN RODRICKS, Director: Among many activities, of note the Director:

- Attended the Choices Christmas presentations at the Maple Street and Maguire facilities in December.
- Worked many hours on Poetry Out Loud, to be held on February 7 at the Foster City Recreation Center, 7:00 p.m.

- Met with County Office of Education and County Census on arts projects for the U.S. Census.
- Met with the County Project Development Unit re: public art in the new County buildings (early stages in development).

BORIS KOODRIN, County Galleries Curator: (presented verbally by the Director)

The Arts Commission is starting the new year with the following exhibits:

- **Caldwell Gallery** will be displaying the beautiful, predominantly black and white, nature photography by Belmont artist David Craven. The “Light Across the Landscape” display will be up from Jan 3 through Feb 27. David was named Photographer of the Year at the Fine Arts Galleria at the county fair in 2019. The Arts Commission regularly exhibits both the artist of the Year and the Photographer of the Year at 400 County Center.

Sue Munroe exhibited her color photography in November and December. There have been no sales reported as of yet.

- **Community Gallery** will be exhibiting “Entwined in Black and White”, black and white photography of San Carlos photographer Dan McLean. The display will run from Jan 7 to Feb 26.

The previous artist was Jane Henri for the months of November and December. Jane is a regular contributor to the Women’s View exhibit and was one of the \$100 recipients at the last WV exhibit. No sales have been reported as of this date.

- **Rotunda Gallery** The County Galleries program co-sponsored with HIP Housing an exhibit of drawings by children of HIP Housing clients; the theme of the exhibit was “the meaning of home.” The exhibit ran through November and December.

Did you know that January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month? Pamela Estes, our local human trafficking coordinator, will be displaying informational panels in the Rotunda Gallery for January and February.

B. Commissioner Reports

SAM STEWART:

- Asked for a budget update at an upcoming meeting.

HARIN KRISHNANI:

- Attended the premiere of *Violins of Hope* music program at Music at Kohl Mansion
- Participated on the California Arts Council grant review panel for SLP grant program.

ELIZABETH STONE:

- Met with San Mateo Library programming department regarding activity and potential partnerships.

RICH ROJO:

- Attended the premier of *Violins of Hope* music program at Music at Kohl Mansion.

EDWARD SWEENEY/JEANNE HEISE:

- Attended Arts RWC meeting; they are working with the City on a city Arts Space.

KIMBERLY JORDAN:

- Attended *ADRx: Innovations on Women and Equity* sponsored by Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center; held at Beechwood School.
- Hosted the *Violins of Hope* performance/lecture at the Peninsula Jewish Community Center.
- Attended *Violins of Hope* premiere at Music at Kohl Mansion

- Attended the Silicon Valley Community Foundation *On the Table* convening for Arts leaders.

STEPHEN SEYMOUR:

- Worked with San Bruno Education Foundation; they are putting music back in K-8.
- Met with City Council members of San Bruno and Millbrae re: an Art Walk.

LAURA MCHUGH:

- Coastal Arts League may be expanding their space; they are looking at expanding their space at the back of their building for a gallery and a teaching space.
- Potrero Nuevo Farm in Half Moon Bay is purchasing a building (formerly the Coastside Senior Thrift Shop) near downtown HMB as a retraining center for Abundant Grace farm workers. The Manager informed Commissioner McHugh that it would be great to have art from local artists on the walls of the building; Commissioner McHugh suggested having artwork from some of their workers and offered to facilitate artmaking/team-building sessions.
- Coastside Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS) will be the first weekend of May in Half Moon Bay. SVOS throughout San Mateo County will be on the weekends of May 2/3, May 9/20 and May 16/17.

6 Discussion Item

- A. Discussion of work plan (based on draft strategic plan to be by the Board of Supervisors at Jan. 28 Supervisors meeting:

The Commissioners each stated which of the 12 initiatives they would like to work on. The list will be distributed to the Commissioners.

- B. Talking points for Commissioner's meeting with their Supervisor:

Each Commissioner will meet with their appointing Supervisor re: the new strategic plan. They will briefly go over the six goals and ask for support in adopting the plan at the February 25 Board of Supervisors meeting.

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.