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| Robin Rodricks, 2 nd District | 400 County Center |
| Laura McHugh, 3 rd District | Redwood City, CA 94063 |
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| Samaruddin Stewart, 5 th District | www.smcgov.org/smcac |

**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Wednesday, November 14, 2018— 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

LOCATION:

**County Office Building 1, 455 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063
Room 405, 4th Floor**

MINUTES

1. 1:00 **Roll Call** – Roll Call and introduction of guests
 - Present: Commissioners Harini Krishnan, Robin Rodricks, Laura McHugh, Jeanne Heise, Samaruddin Stewart, Pauline B. Fong, Chief Legislative Aide Juda Tomaloff; Arts Commission Manager, Amisha Motipara
 - Absent with Notice: Deputy County Manager, Peggy Jensen
2. 1:03 **Agenda Amendments**
 - None
3. 1:06 **Oral Communications:** No oral communications.
4. 1:10 **Consideration of Minutes** of Regular Meeting of September 5, 2018 & May 16, 2018
 - Laura McHugh, motioned, Samaruddin Stewart, seconded; motion carried unanimously.
5. 1:13 **Reports**
 - Commission Manager's report:
 - Arts Commissioner attended three events on behalf of the Arts Commission: [Community Collaboration for Children's Success \(CCCS\)](#) on October 12, 2018, CREATE CA Conference on October 15-16, 2018, and San Mateo County Arts Commission Convening on October 30.
 - CCCS: Spearhead by [Get Healthy San Mateo County](#), CCCS is a place-based youth planning project the County is undertaking in neighborhoods with the highest number of youths involved in County systems like juvenile probation and foster care. CCCS currently is creating a strategic plan that will be implemented in 2020. Held at the San Mateo County Hospital, the SMCAC and other community organizations identified specific needs of youth such as mental health issues, after school support, and parent resources.
 - CREATE CA: Comprised of a coalition of 14 statewide and local arts organizations, CREATE CA is launched a public will campaign to create public awareness of the impact of the arts.
 - San Mateo County Arts Convening: Attended by 17 SMCAC Grantees at the Dragon Production Theater in Redwood City. An objective of the convening was for grantees to create connections and identify collaboration opportunities. Each shared their organizational mission, super success story, and current biggest challenge.
 - Curator's report:
 - Curator's report was submitted in writing. Please see attached document.



6. 1:35 Staff and Commission reports

- **Staff reports** Chief Legislative Aide Juda Tolmasoff provided an update for Arts in Corrections, a pilot program spearheaded by the California Arts Council and California Lawyers for the Arts. San Mateo County was chosen as one of the counties in the state to implement a pilot program; and the county is one of the only counties that serve women. In San Mateo County, the program began on October 26, 2018 at the Maple Street Correctional Facility. Artist, Ryann D'Souza, holds an art class for inmates every Wednesday evening. The program will end on December 31, 2018 and will culminate in an Art Festival for the public.

A. Commissioner reports:

- District 1: H. Krishnan
 - Events attended September-November 2018: *Violins of Hope* at the Kohl Mansion, *Celebrated* at Masterworks Chorale, and will attend a performance for the Peninsula Girls Chorus in December. Also, attended Thrive Alliance TAG meetings.
 - The San Mateo County Facebook page reached 1400 people in the last 2 months with 200 people following the Commission.
 - Ms. Krishnan will be meeting with an Odessey Board Member to discuss changing STEM to STEAM.
- District 2: R. Rodricks
 - Events attended September- November 2019: *Arts in Corrections* programming, and the Peninsula Museum. Ms. Rodricks went to LGBTQ Transgender Day of Remembrance at the San Mateo Library. They read the names of 26 transgender people who were victims of hate crimes nationally. Also, attended the Goodbye reception for the Executive Director, Meredith Hagedorn, of Dragon Theater. Ms. Rodricks said a couple of words at the goodbye reception.
 - 2 of the 5 new Commissioner seats added by the Board of Supervisors at September 4 meeting will be filled by the appointments of Pauline Fong, District 5, and Edward Sweeney, District 4; the 3 remaining vacancies.
 - San Mateo County has a new Poet Laureate named Aileen Cassinetta She was appointed on October 23, 2018 for a 2-year term. She will be attending the Arts Commission meeting on February 20, 2019.
- District 3: L. McHugh
 - Attended the On the Table 2017 discussion on affordable housing on the Peninsula coast.
 - Reached out to Martha Zalatar to do panel on "How to Sell your Art"
 - Coastal Arts League received a grant to teach classes at the Senior Center; will be teaching 2 classes
- District 4: J. Heise
 - Attended Yarn bombed Trees Event - co sponsored by Art in Action, Kids and Art Foundation, and Arts Redwood City
- District 5: S. Stewart
 - Events attended September-November 2019: "WIDENING THE LENS: REVOLUTIONIZING PHOTOGRAPHY VOICES" and Thrive Alliance's Action Group on Arts & Culture monthly group.
- District 5: Pauline B. Fong:



- Ms. Fong was introduced as the new Arts Commissioner for District 2. Her experiences range from administration, project management, managing operations, and fund development at science museums as well as the Asian Arts Museum. She also served at the Chair of the Daly City Arts & Culture Commission where she created the strategic plan and organized the *Light of Night*.

7. 1:56 **Action Items**

A. Adopt revised budget

- A revised budget for the Arts Commission was presented at this meeting. Harini Krishnan motioned to approve; Jeanne Heise seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. 2:03 **Discussion Items**

A. Review of calendar for remainder of FY2019

- A calendar of dates consisting of technical assistance workshops and grant deadlines for the remainder of the fiscal year was presented to the Commission.

B. Update of Arts Commission Policy Statement

- An update of the policy statement was discussed by the Commissioners; the Chair asked for Commissioners to consider serving on an ad hoc committee to update the policy in 2019.

C. Potential standing committees

- Commission Chair presented the possibility of forming standing committees for Commissioners to serve on, as the Commission will now have 10 Commissioners. Possible committees include Arts in Correction, LGBTQ Commission – Collaboration, Arts for Veterans, Arts Education, Capacity Building for County Arts, and Annual Grants Program Review.

9. 3:00 **Adjournment**

Next Arts Commission Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019: 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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