

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO  
ARTS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Chair Herrera, Commissioners Cassidy, Gonchar, Ott-Davis, Pershing and Secretary Justice

**ABSENT**

Edwards, Engler, and Wong  
District 3 - VACANT

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF APRIL 13, 2016**

MSC (Gonchar/Cassidy) to approve the agenda as submitted. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

MSC (Cassidy/Pershing) to approve the minutes as amended. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

A. NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY**

- A. Secretary Justice reported the Arts Commission has a vacancy representing District 3 (Councilmember Thomas) as Commissioner Harlow-Schott has resigned. She requested Commissioners please share the vacancy information with their networks and that the official notice and application are available online.  
Notice of vacancy: <http://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=14291>  
Application: <http://www.sanleandro.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?blobid=3759>
- B. Secretary Justice reported the Cherry Festival is on Saturday, June 4. This year, the Arts & Innovation Space has prominent space along Carpentier and West Estudillo. She informed the commission of the artists/makers/innovators already confirmed, discussed the requirements for the AIS, and asked for other ideas of people to invite to participate in this space. Secretary Justice requested ideas for public art projects to be organized and staffed by the commission and asked which Commissioners will be attending and available to assist. Commissioner Pershing volunteered to organize a public art sculpture project and will see if Mr. Plastics will donate plastic pieces.
- C. Secretary Justice reported the Recreation and Human Services Department is welcoming new arts & culture contract classes. Commissioners are asked to refer potential artist instructors to her directly.
- D. Secretary Justice reported San Leandro is hosting the biannual meeting of the Northern California Public Art Administrator's Network on Friday, April 22 in the Sister Cities Gallery from 10am to 2pm. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Gail M. Goldman Associates, LLC Public Art Master Plan Consultant Update  
Secretary Justice reported City Council approved the selection of Gail M. Goldman Associates, LLC on March 21. Secretary Justice is now working on the contract, hopefully to be approved by Council in early May with work commencing as soon as possible after the contract approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Chair/Vice Chair Nominations & Elections  
MSC (Cassidy/Gonchar) to nominate Commissioner Pershing as Chair. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)  
MSC (Cassidy/Ott-Davis) to nominate Commissioner Gonchar as Vice Chair. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

**REPORT OF CHAIR**

San Leandro High School will be performing *Urinetown* April 17-24 with shows at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday, and 2pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$5/youth and \$12/adult.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Cassidy reported he has spoken to the Mayor regarding creating a 1% for the Arts Ordinance for private developments. He expressed concern that without an ordinance the waterfront development project may be a lost opportunity for public art. Discussion ensued about the creation of an ordinance paralleling the Public Art Master Plan and that the Commission may want to begin doing research on other city's ordinances. Commissioner Cassidy also reported that the medical marijuana tax will be on the November ballot and he is hoping that some of the funds will be designated for public art and the rest for human services.
- Commissioner Ott-Davis reported she likes the new concrete reliefs under the bridges along I-880, but would like to see the reliefs painted. Commissioner Cassidy stated the Council did not approve painting the reliefs due to concerns of vandalism.
- Commissioner Pershing reported she is working with art historian Susan Landauer on a book about her uncle, Roy DeForest, who will have his art work on exhibit at the Oakland Museum of California during 2017.
- Commissioner Gonchar had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Edwards/Ott-Davis) to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent, 1 Vacant)

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Justice, Secretary