

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
ARTS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT

Chair Pershing, Vice-Chair Gonchar, Commissioners Breslin, Cassidy, Edwards, Herrera, Wong, and Secretary Brandt [D3-Vacant]

ABSENT

Commissioner Ott-Davis
District 3 – VACANT

GUEST

Kirsten Foley, City of San Leandro Engineering and Transportation Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 11, 2017

MSC (Gonchar/Cassidy) to approve the agenda as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2016

MSC (Gonchar/Herrera) to approve the minutes as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

GUEST PRESENTATION

A. Presenter Kirsten Foley from the City of San Leandro Engineering and Transportation Department provided the commission an update on the City's vacant theater space in Civic Center Plaza. The theater remains closed due to various repairs and upgrades necessary to reopen. The City has not established whether the theater space will be updated or repurposed at this time. Ms. Foley reviewed the two theater companies who were slated to fill that space – Bay Area Children's Theater and Brian Copeland Presents. The programming for both of these organizations has been re-directed to the Main Library and both organizations are experiencing success in their new location. The theater programming represents an example of the City's support of arts, theater, and culture in the San Leandro community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darlene Evans shared some publications with the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

A. Secretary Brandt invited the commissioners to volunteer for the City's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical and Poetry Slam at the Senior Community Center next week. Interested volunteers were directed to contact Donte Watson with the Recreation and Human Services Department.

B. Secretary Brandt reviewed the details of consultant Gail Goldman's visit December 8-9, 2016. Ms. Goldman is scheduled to return to San Leandro in late January for a three-day visit and this will conclude the public input portion of the consultant's work on the Public Arts Master

Plan. Commissioners made several recommendations to increase public awareness and participation in the community meeting scheduled for January 25, 2017. Commissioners would like the community input questions forwarded to them electronically so they can encourage participation and response from those who may not be able to attend the January public meeting. Draft recommendations will be prepared and reported to the Arts Commission by the consultant in March or April of this year in preparation for the final recommendations moving forward to City Council in late spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Breslin proposes that the Arts Commission establish a Facebook page in an effort to prioritize social media as an important component in communicating with the community. The commission supports this overall endeavor and recognizes the importance of the page being an “official” City social media. The commission would like to see this recommendation explored further and incorporated into the Public Art Master Plan.

REPORT OF CHAIR

None

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Cassidy announced his resignation effective January 12, 2017 due to ongoing conflicts with the scheduled meeting times.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Gonchar/Herrera) to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant)

Respectfully submitted,

Breyana Brandt, Secretary