



City of San Leandro

Civic Center
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Draft Minutes

Arts Commission

Chair Suzanne Pershing, At Large (1)
Vice Chair Nancy Gonchar, At Large (5)
Dana Cholis, At Large (4)
Brian K. Copeland, District 1
Erika A. Garcia, District 3
Terry Guillory, District 6
Dina Herrera, District 2
David C. Moragne, Jr., District 5
Martin Wong, District 4

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6:30 PM

Civic Center, South Offices

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Gonchar (participated remotely via telephone conference call), Commissioner Copeland, Chohlis, Garcia, Guillory, Herrera, Moragne

Excused: Chair Pershing, Commissioner Wong

Guest: None

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

MSC (Guillory/Moragne) to approve the agenda as submitted (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Excused)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2018 & JULY 25, 2018

MSC (Moragne/Guillory) to approve the Minutes as submitted (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Excused)

4. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Dillman, owner of the Bal Theatre, provided public comments encouraging the Commission to consider allocating a portion of its funding to the Bal Theatre to promote cultural events and/or restore the historic interior murals at the theatre.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**9.A. Update on Arts & Culture Grants Program**

1. Staff request for approval of peer arts professionals panelist pool (draft attached)
2. Appointment of arts commissioner(s) to serve on arts grants review panel

Staff requested approval of peer arts professionals panelist pool.

Arts Grants program consultant Steve Huss presented an overview of the arts grants program, details of which are outlined on the program website:
https://www.sanleandro.org/about/arts_commission_grants_program.asp

Secretary Engelbart also encouraged the commissioners to share information and promote the program.

MSC (Copeland/Guillory) to approve the list of panelists (attached) with the provision that additional candidates could be added to the list within 14 days. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Excused)

MSC (Guillory/Garcia) to approve appointment of Arts Commissioner(s) to serve on Arts Grants review panel. The commission voted to appoint Vice Chair Gonchar as the first commission member to the panel. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Excused)

MSC (Herrera/Copeland) to appoint Commissioner Moragne as the second member of the panel. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Excused)

9.B. Allocation of \$200,000 in City Council appropriated arts commission funding and related request to allocate up to \$15,000 of that funding towards a commission-sponsored "Comedy in the Plaza" event

Item 9B was moved up in advance of 9A.

Secretary Engelbart and Vice Chair Gonchar provided an update on their efforts to identify alternative funding sources that could be used to support the Comedy in the Plaza event. Vice Chair Gonchar also requested that the Commission be provided a training on conflicts of interest regulations at a future meeting. Commissioner Copeland further outlined the vision for the event and requested that the alternative funding sources be confirmed with certainty as soon as possible.

MSC (Copeland/Guillory) to allocate \$150,000 towards the creation or procurement of a work of art to be installed at the Main Library, as well as \$50,000 towards the Arts & Culture grants program. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Excused)

10. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Garcia provided an update on her work with the Library to develop a city-sponsored Day of the Dead event on October 25th, along with the possibility of having an artist teach a class at the event.

11. REPORT OF CHAIR

None

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Garcia provided an update on her efforts to promote the arts commission on social media

13. ADJOURNMENT

7:37 pm