



DRAFT MINUTES
FINE ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, Conf. Rm. C
10300 Torre Avenue Cupertino
November 14, 2016

ROLL CALL

Present: Matley, Sanchez, Chokshi, Leong, Mahalingam

Absent: -

Chokshi joined the meeting starting with item number 3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of September 26, 2016 Fine Arts Commission Regular Meeting

Motions:

Commissioner Mahalingam motioned and Chair Matley seconded the motion to approve minutes from September 26, 2016. Motioned approved 4-0-1.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Matley requested that everyone note the December social will be at Oren's at Main Street at 6:30 p.m., without spouses.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2. Grants

Discussion: Catarina Kidd asked about teen grants, which were noted in an old version of the grant applications and requested clarification from the commission. The commissioners confirmed there is only one fine arts grant for all and no special category for teens.

Action Items:

- ✓ Staff to update all online information about grants.

OLD BUSINESS

3. 2017 Work Plan

Discussion: Chair Matley requested that the commission consider fewer items in the work plan and allow themselves to focus on quality over quantity. Other ideas discussed for improving the work plan included:

- Adding schools for recognition
- Refine how to reach out to people
- Improve marketing, timing and presentation
- Consider new EA dates

Motions:

Commissioner Mahalingam motioned and Commissioner Leong seconded the motion to continue this item to the January 2017 meeting for further thought and discussion. Motioned approved 5-0.

Action Items:

- ✓ Add proposed edits (by Sanchez/Matley) to the website
- ✓ Chair Matley to prepare annual report to the City Council
- ✓ Outreach will be an ongoing activity

4. 2017-18 Budget

Discussion: Commissioners discussed the edits to the budget should be as follows:

Arts grant: \$750

Distinguished Artist: \$1000

Emerging Artist: \$500

Young Artist: \$300 (\$100 to each winner, 3 in all)

Public mural pilot: \$500

Graphic art services: \$500

There was discussion about shifting money to the school, particularly as a contribution the art program, as part of the awards budget.

Motions:

Commissioner Mahalingam motioned and Commissioner Leong seconded the motion to continue this item to the January 2017 meeting for further thought and discussion. Motioned approved 5-0.

Action Items:

- ✓ Commissioners to consider edits and bring final comments to January 2017 meeting

5. Young Artists competition

Discussion: The commissioners reviewed the applications and evaluated how each best fit the theme and reflected an execution that was age-appropriate (no indication that the work was done by a parent, teacher or older child).

Motions:

Commissioner Sanchez motioned and Commissioner Mahalingam seconded the motion to select the following winners:

1st place: Siona Mahaddalkar

2nd place: Shreya Rao

3rd place: Saachi Mahaddalkar

Motioned approved 5-0

Action Items:

- ✓ Catarina Kidd to send letters notifying winners by December and check on mid-January availability for City Council target awards date
- ✓ Commissioner Mahalingam to reach out to Mahaddalkar family and Commissioner Chokshi to reach out to Rao family, to obtain framed artwork, waivers and confirmation of attendance at awards ceremony

6. Artist directory project**Motions:**

Commissioner Sanchez motioned and Commissioner Mahalingam seconded the motion to continue this item to an unspecified date when the agenda is less crowded and more attention can be given. Motioned approved 5-0.

7. Potential performing arts centers**Motions:**

Commissioner Sanchez motioned and Commissioner Mahalingam seconded the motion to continue this item to an unspecified date when the agenda is less crowded and more attention can be given.. Motioned approved 5-0.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Mahalingam reported on the mayor's meeting and relayed opportunities to join other community efforts such as through Rotary.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Matley adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on January 23, 2017 at City Hall, Conference Room C.

Staff Liaison: Catarina Kidd, Senior Planner