



APPROVED MINUTES
FINE ARTS COMMISSION
Special Meeting, Conf. Rm. C
10300 Torre Avenue Cupertino
December 14, 2017

ROLL CALL

Present: Chokshi, Matley, Mahalingam, Sanchez **Absent:** Chen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Draft Minutes from the September 25, 2017 meeting

Motions:

Commissioner Matley motioned and Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion to approve minutes from **September 25, 2017**. Motioned approved 4-0-1

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Utility box art

Lauren Dickinson presented a report on the utility box approach for 2018 to involve exploring options to open up the program to other schools.

Commissioners provided feedback.

2. Crest awards 2019

Via written information given to the FAC staff liaison, Brian Babcock requested that the Fine Arts Commission consider moving the Distinguished Artist Award program to be under the Crest Awards. Mr. Babcock's proposal is that the commissioners would still select the winner and there would be no change to the FAC budget. The commissioners discussed the request and opined that the removal of Distinguished Artist Award from being historically paired with Emerging Artist Award would diminish the overall program. The two categories

work together to honor excellence in art, rather than community service which is the perceived goal of the Crest Awards. Additionally given the number of Crest Awards given each year, the commissioners opined that the emphasis on the arts, which is their mission, would be lost. The commissioners agreed that their awards programs should remain independent of any other city award program. However, the commissioners were supportive of the idea that the current year's winner of the Distinguished Artist Award be additionally honored at the crest awards, as a supplemental award.

Commissioner Sanchez motioned with a second from Commissioner Matley to deny the request to move the Distinguished Artist Award program to be under the Crest Awards. Motioned approved 4-0-1

Commissioner Sanchez motioned with a second from Commissioner Matley to approve that starting in 2018, the current year's winner of the Distinguished Artist Award be additionally honored at the crest awards, as a supplemental award. Motioned approved 4-0-1

3. Young Artist Awards application review

The Commissioners reviewed the applications and selected the following winners:

Group A: Elementary School

First place: Nishanth Joshi

Silver award, second place: Saahithi Kancherla

Award of Merit, third place: Lakshanya Vasudevan

Group B: Middle School

First place: Mayu Nakazato

Silver award, second place: Anjali Gunturu

Award of Merit, third place: Krupa Shanware

OLD BUSINESS

Distinguished and Emerging Artists Award

Commissioners provided updates on action items and confirmation of all awards presentation date to February 6, 2018. Staff would send the winner notifications and contact the EA/DA winners regarding the February 6th City Council ceremonial presentation. Commissioners would be contacting young artist winners in January to

provide for the art wall:

- profile photo
- framed winning entry
- framed winning entry artist note
- signed liability waiver

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The commissioners reported on their progress and updates of past action items, and staff provided updates on expected projects around the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chokshi adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the regular meeting on January 22, 2018 at City Hall, Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted:

_____/s/ Catarina Kidd
Staff Liaison: Catarina Kidd, Senior Planner